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New Year peerage for controversial Cabinet Secretary

Ferry heroes win honours for courage

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Thirty-one Belgian and British heroes of the Zeebrugge ferry disaster are named in the New Year Honours list today. Two Britons, one of whom died in the tragedy, receive the George Medal.

In a break with tradition, the list includes gallantry and meritorious service awards to those who displayed outstanding courage in trying to save stricken passengers after the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized last March.

In all, 13 Belgians are decorated – thought to be an *unprecedented number of* foreign nationals to receive awards in peace time.

Four of them receive the Queen's Gallantry Medal and the other nine, honorary meritorious service awards.

Mr Oliver Vanneste, the governor of West Flanders, who receives an honorary KBE, said he was surprised and honoured by news of the award. None of those involved had expected to receive any such recognition.

"We all just did our duty", he said. "There was a disaster, people in the ship needed our help, so we organized help and we had to make it as successful as we could."

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It had been fortunate that at the end of 1986 a plan to deal with just such a disaster had been formulated, he said. It had been fresh in the minds of all those involved in the rescue plan and was something positive which had emerged from the tragedy.

He said that he and the other Belgians who had been honoured, would be delighted to go to Buckingham Palace to receive *their awards*.

The George Medal is awarded posthumously to Mr Michael Skippen, who was the Herald's head waiter and died after staying at his post in one of the restaurants, trying to control the panic after the first violent lurch of the ship. The other recipient of one of the highest civilian awards for gallantry is Mr Andrew Parker, a passenger who used his body as a bridge to allow survivors to flee to safety.

Five Belgians receive honorary MBEs, one an OBE, and two receive special Secretary of State for Transport "plate" awards.

Foreigners recognized for meritorious service receive honorary awards because they are not the Queen's subjects. For example, Mr Bob Geldof, the Band Aid fund-raising organizer and an Irish citizen, was appointed an honorary KBE in 1986.

However, gallantry medals are in a different category, and are full awards. The Belgians are expected to receive their awards from the British Ambassador in Brussels.

The awards come after months of painstaking inquiries by government officials, who have pieced together eye-witness accounts of the disaster to ensure that the most deserving cases are recognized. Awards for acts of bravery in the King's Cross Underground fire are likely to feature in a later Honours list.

Sir Robert Armstrong, Whitehall's most senior and controversial Civil Servant, is one of three new life peers created today. The Honours List also contains a knighthood for the late Henry Cotton, probably Britain's greatest ever golfer, who died only last week.

Sir Robert, who retires today as Cabinet Secretary and head of the Home Civil Service, goes to the Lords after a career during which, because of political controversies like the Westland and *Spycatcher* affairs, he has reluctantly been far more in the public eye than his predecessors.

His successor, Mr Robin Butler, who has been second permanent secretary at the Treasury for two years, is made a Knight Commander (KCB).

Miss Anne Mueller, the other second permanent secretary at the Treasury and the most senior woman in the Civil Service, becomes a Dame Commander in the Order of the Bath. The other new peers are the Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, and Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls since 1982.

Henry Cotton, who won the Open Championship three times, died last Tuesday week, aged 80. Many of the tributes *to him regretted that his* service to the sport had not been rewarded with a knighthood.

However, the honour was approved several weeks before his death, and he would have known of it.

Other sportsmen honoured today include Nick Faldo, the Open golf champion, Dennis Amiss, the Warwickshire and England cricketer, Billy Bonds, the veteran West Ham footballer and Colin Deans, the Scottish rugby player, who receive MBEs. R.E.H (Buzzer) Hadingham, chairman of the All England tennis club (Wimbledon), is made a CBE.

From the world of the arts and entertainment, Anthony Powell, the novelist and playwright whose best known work is *A Dance to the Music of Time*, is made a Companion of Honour; Judi Dench, the actress, is made a DBE; the actors Denholm Elliott and Diana Rigg receive CBEs.

Sandy Gall, the ITN newscaster and foreign correspondent, and George Martin, who produced the Beatles record albums, receive the CBE, as does David McCall, chief executive of Anglia Television. The cartoonists Quentin Blake and David Langdon, and Patricia Hayes, the actress, receive OBEs.

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One of three new life peers: Sir Robert Armstrong, Whitehall's most senior Civil Servant, with his wife Patricia yesterday

Double rocket blow to US pride

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington

As the Soviet Union continued to hail its space success with the return to Earth of Commander Yuri Romanenko, both America's space and missile defence programmes were struggling yesterday to recover from a series of demoralizing blows.

First came the revelation that a key nozzle part failed during the test firing of the redesigned shuttle booster, leading to a delay in the first space shuttle launch since the Challenger explosion in January last year.

Then, as the death toll rose to five in the fire that devastated a factory manufacturing the MX missile, the controversy continued over allegations that critical components in what was to be the centrepiece of the Reagan Administration's military buildup could not have been properly quality-tested.

The problems affect two of America's biggest defence and space contractors, Morton Thiokol and Northrop.

The setback for the shuttle involved a ring holding the nozzle to the shuttle's motor, which blew apart during a ground firing test by Morton Thiokol at its plant in Utah.

However, Admiral John Truly, chief of space flight,

Moscow – The Soviet cosmonaut Commander Yuri Romanenko, who returned to Earth on Tuesday after his record-breaking 326 days in weightless conditions on board the space station Mir, grew by one centimeter and Flight-engineer Aleksandr Aleksandrov by 1.5cm, *Sovietskaya Rossiya* reported.....Health, page 9

said yesterday that the delay to the June 2 launch would be only a matter of weeks.

Meanwhile, the Pentagon said yesterday that it was assessing the impact of Tuesday night's factory fire

The programme is already *in trouble*. The US Air Force said in July that it would withhold 10 per cent of its monthly contract payments to Morton Thiokol, about $1 million (£540,000) a month, because of "sloppy" management and poor workmanship.

Any delays caused by the destruction of the building where the MX rockets are built are likely to be overshadowed by more serious problems with the missiles' guidance systems. Northrop, the manufacturer, has also been penalized by the Air Force for delays

A full-scale investigation has now been launched by federal prosecutors, the Justice Department, defence contract auditors, the General Accounting Office and two congressional committees.

Haunted by night of March 6

By David Sapsted

Mr Andrew Parker, one of two ex-policemen to be awarded George Medals today for their heroism during the Zeebrugge disaster, is still haunted by the events of March 6 when the Herald of Free Enterprise capsized with the loss of almost 200 lives.

Mr Parker, aged 33, an assistant finance manager at a City bank, dismisses as "an act of practicality rather than bravery" the fact that at least 20 people scrambled to safety across his 6-ft 3-in frame when he formed a human bridge inside the ferry.

The events of that night dominate the lives of Mr Parker, his wife Eleanor and their 13-year-old daughter, Janice, all of whom escaped.

"The ferry has largely ruled our lives over the last few months and anything and everything that we do is affected by it," he said. "The difficulty has been concentration. The mind just drifts back to what happened. Even the simplest things, like choosing new wallpaper, become major events . . . I will never forget. Life is completely different now."

When Mr Justice Sheen, the judge who headed the official inquiry into the disaster, praised Mr Parker, who lives in Herne Hill, south London, the ex-policeman replied: "Thank you, but I feel it is important to say that I have been singled out and there were many acts of heroism."

Captain David Lewry, master of the Herald, expressed similar sentiments over the George Medal awarded posthumously to the head waiter, Mr Michael Skippen, aged 30, who died as he helped rescue passengers trapped in the ferry's dining room.

"The award is very well deserved. Michael acted in a very heroic way as did so

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BBC chiefs to defend policies live on the air

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

The chairman and director-general of the BBC will voluntarily undergo a public "trial" this weekend following the unique broadcast of a two-hour "shareholders' report" to viewers.

Mr Marmaduke Hussey and Mr Michael Checkland will field questions live on BBC1 for 45 minutes on all aspects of strategy, programming and finance as part of the corporation's new policy of opening up their proceedings to greater scrutiny and improving what is regarded as a less-than-satisfactory relationship with the public.

The call-in on Sunday will be followed next week by separate phone-ins on Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4 where senior BBC executives will attempt to answer the public's questions about the BBC.

See for Yourself, which will be screened at peak viewing time on Sunday, is being backed up by a report distributed with the latest edition of *Radio Times*, which reveals the BBC's plans for the future and how it spends its money, and goes behind the scenes of some of television's best-known programmes.

The televised version not only ranges from *Wogan* to Wimbledon and *Blue Peter* to *Blackadder*, but explains the cost of making programmes, how *Watch with Mother* has been the most successful selling video for the BBC, and the bringing together of the corporation's news and current affairs units.

And after a year when the BBC has often been in the news, the television programme features some of its mistakes and misfortunes,

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including the bungled general election night forecast and the death of Michael Lush during a stunt rehearsal for the *Late, Late Breakfast Show*.

Viewers will also see a general reference to the controversial departure of Mr Alasdair Milne, the former director-general who was effectively sacked in January. Mr Hussey refused yesterday to expand on Mr Milne's removal, on the ground that it would be wrong to discuss an individual's career.

Mr Hussey said that, when he joined the BBC just over a year ago, the relationship between the corporation and the public was less than satisfactory "and that was our fault".

He believed that there was enormous interest, but great ignorance, about what happened in the BBC. "What we are trying to do is explain some of the things that do happen, why the licence fee costs as much as it does and, perhaps, making the point it is rather cheap. We shall shed a little more light in a wider way on a subject of absorbing public interest about which very little hard fact is known."

Together with the director-general, he would face questions live from viewers after the programme, "just as any chairman and chief executive would take questions from their shareholders. I have no doubt it will be a very spirited session."

Mr Checkland said that it was fundamental to try to "open up the BBC, and make ourselves more accountable to the 20 million homes that are funding us, and whom we wish to continue to fund us through the licence-fee system". The question-and-answer session will be chaired by Ms Patti Coldwell, while Mr Peter Weil, the editor and producer of BBC's *Open Air*, will decide which questions will go to the corporation chiefs.

New Year with The Times



The Times is publishing tomorrow, New Year's Day, but some newspapers are not – so with demand even higher than usual, readers are *advised to order a* copy today. New Year's Day in The Times includes:

- Births, deaths, coronations, coups . . . a valuable guide to 1988's anniversaries
- A wickedly seasonal short story, specially written for The Times by Beryl Bainbridge
- Previews of a big day of League football and six racecards

The Times wishes all its readers a happy and prosperous 1988

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Martell battle

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- The £4,000 prize in The Times Portfolio Gold competition was won yesterday by a reader from Orpington, Kent. Details, page 3.
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Political row over Gulf ship incident

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

A British guided missile destroyer yesterday blocked the path of an Iranian warship to prevent it approaching two foreign-flagged tankers in the Gulf.

The incident highlighted *growing differences* between the Government and the Opposition over the role of the Royal Navy's Armilla Patrol.

Whitehall sources described the incident as "a classic example of the Patrol doing its *job*". They argued that it was consistent with the patrol's orders to protect British-flagged and British-owned vessels, because both ships belong to a company in Hong Kong.

But Mr George Robertson, Labour MP for Hamilton and a foreign affairs spokesman, said it demonstrated that the Armilla Patrol was now being asked to protect any vessel with even the remotest British connection.

HMS York intervened to protect the Panamanian-flagged World Spring, 48,225 tonnes, and the much larger Liberian-registered World Progress, 237,285 tonnes. Both are owned by World Wide Shipping Agency in Hong Kong.

The approaching Iranian vesel, equipped with four 40mm guns and a helicopter landing platform, called the York, which identified itself as "*British warship*".

The Iranian reply was: "Good afternoon sir, this is Iranian warship L51. Request your tag number." The York replied: "This is British warship."

L51 then noted: "You are in formation with two tankers."

The York replied: "This is British warship. I am in passage in international waters."

US economic slowdown forecast

By Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Statistics published by the United States Government yesterday suggest there will be a slowdown in the American economy next year.

In the first full month since the collapse in share prices the index of leading indicators to the economy produced by the US Commerce Department shows a fall of 1.7 per cent.

The index, composed of various statistics which indicate future trends, is designed to predict economic activity six to nine months ahead. The drop in November left the index at 190.2 over its 1967 base of 100.

Yesterday the dollar was steadier, helped by intervention in foreign exchange markets by a number of European central banks. It closed 5 points weaker against the mark at DM1.5940 and 10 points down against the yen

The steadier dollar in turn helped share prices in London to recover about half the ground lost on Monday. The FT-SE 100 index finished 29.5 points up, at 1759.8. The pound was unchanged in terms of its effective rate index at 75.6.

The weaker trend in the US domestic economy is expected to slow down worldwide economic growth during 1988.

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Ebullient Thatcher hails new age of prosperity

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister today heralds a new age of freedom, peace, prosperity and stability.

As she prepares to become on Sunday Britain's longest continuously serving Prime Minister this century, an ebullient Mrs Margaret Thatcher delivers a new year message brimming with confidence over Britain's prospects.

It foreshadows what she terms the greatest programme of reforming legislation this century.

She speaks of the three exacting tests passed with flying colours in 1987: the Conservatives winning another landslide victory; the economy showing to be "an island of financial and economic stability" in the upheavals after the Wall Street crash; and Britain giving "full and fruitful" support to the superpower efforts to get the first nuclear arms reduction deal in history.

Mrs Thatcher adds: "I hope and believe that, as a result of these achievements, we could be on the verge of a new age of freedom, and a long period of peace, prosperity and stability such as our people have not known this century, a time of progress in which the benefits of science and technology will lighten all our lives and lift up the world's poor."

In a message to the Conservative Party which underlines Mrs Thatcher's belief that Britain has achieved a new standing in world affairs under her leadership, she says that the task in 1988 is to safeguard the hopes of peace. An agreement to halve the stockpiles of American and Soviet strategic missiles is a real prospect, she says, and negotiations must begin for a fair balance of conventional forces in Europe and the elimination of chemical weapons.

Mrs Thatcher says the benefits of a free and prosperous economy must be extended "to all our people", echoing her election night pledge to help the inner cities.

And in direct reference to the three most contentious items in the legislative programme, she says: "We must free families from the petty tyranny of town hall landlords by giving council tenants a greater say in the running of their estates, including the right to choose another landlord.

"We must give parents the right to choose the sort of education they want for their child.

"We must replace the unfairness of local rates with a community charge which will spread the cost of local government much more equitably."

She promises that the Tories will continue to promote wider ownership of pensions, shares and other property.

That policy, she says, explains how the Government can be both conservative and radical. It is conservative because it preaches the doctrine of a property-owning democracy, deeply rooted in British history and Tory philosophy. But it is radical because it constantly extends its benefits ever more widely.

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Harvey Nichols are open New Year's Day. (Make it your first resolution to go.)

Sale: 10am to 6pm.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Harrods offers £97,500 discount

Harrods is offering one fortunate shopper, whoever queues long enough on the pavement outside the store in Knightsbridge, a discount worth £97,500 this January.

A Vacheron Constantin, diamond-encrusted, rectangular woman's watch marked at £195,000 will be offered at half-price at the David Morris stand of the Harrods jewellery department.

The store believes the discount equals the record set by it last January for the biggest reduction in Britain in cash terms on a sale item; a diamond and emerald necklace.

Other London stores said yesterday that Harrods traditionally used expensive items such as jewellery and furs as loss leaders to tempt customers into its sales. Other bargains at the Harrods sale on January 6 will include a full-length chinchilla at £14,995, reduced from £29,995, and a Bonsak bath with gold *fleur-de-lis* at £179, marked down from £1,787.

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Race row Tory goes

A mayor who said black people had smaller brains than whites resigned yesterday.

Mrs Evelyn Lloyd, aged 65, a Conservative, quit as a councillor and the mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, South Wales, because of the controversy caused by her remarks to an audience of children.

She told them the smaller brains could explain why some African countries were not in complete control of their affairs. The Conservative group had alrady agreed that Mrs Lloyd should resign as mayor.

Tower is stolen

A 35ft clock tower weighing 5 tons due to be shipped from Manchester to the island of Capri has been stolen.

Mr Geoff Torkington, who bought the clock, valued at £20,000, from his old school, Manchester Grammar, said: "A clock tower is hardly the kind of thing you can carry off on your shoulder".

Police last night appealed for anyone who saw the clock being removed from Bolton Road, Farnworth, Greater Manchester during the Christmas period to come forward.

Spycatcher protest

A member of Guernsey's parliament has protested about British attempts to stop the sale and distribution of the book *Spycatcher* in the island. Guernsey lies geographically within the British Isles but is not part of the United Kingdom.

The protest, by Mr Alan Ingrouille, comes after the disclosure that, acting through the St Peter Port legal practice, the Treasury Solicitor has written to three book shops threatening legal action if they do not stop selling or distributing the books.

"It is our constitutional position that is at stake", Mr Ingrouille said. "The book is freely available here and should remain so. Once a secret is out, it is out."

Mirror image



For the first time a husband and wife are to edit national newspapers.

Ms Eve Pollard, wife of Mr Nick Lloyd, editor of the *Daily Express*, is to become editor of the *Sunday Mirror* in the new year, becoming the second woman to edit a national newspaper. The first was Wendy Henry of the *News of the World*.

Ms Pollard, who is presently editor of the *Mail on Sunday's YOU* magazine, will also be appointed to the board of Mirror Group Newspapers (1986) Ltd, Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, said.

Post breaks record

The Post Office delivered 1,488 million letters and cards over the Christmas holiday, breaking last year's record of 1,400 million.

The Post Office said: "We were anticipating a record Christmas and the latest posting figures confirm our predictions". A spokesman added that if parcels were included in the figures, more than 1,500 million items were sent.

Union moderates attack Morning Star funding

By Roland Rudd

Britain's largest trade union, the Transport and General Workers, was at the centre of a new controversy yesterday over the hard-left's funding of the communist newspaper, the *Morning Star*.

After the appointment of Mr Ken Reid, a staunch supporter of Mr Neil Kinnock, as secretary of the London-based Region One, which has been controlled by the hard-left, the full extent of the region's funding of the *Morning Star* has been disclosed to *The Times*.

Over the past two years it has included:

- Increasing the region's stake in the People's Press Printing Society, which owns the *Morning Star*, from £1,000 to £10,000.
- Appealing to all branches in the region to contribute to the paper's fighting fund.
- Taking out regular advertising space in the *Morning Star*.

Moderate officials believe the hard-left's funding of the *Morning Star* has been a waste of money.

The paper is controlled by hard-line Stalinists who support the Communist Campaign Group, which is expected to establish a rival pro-Soviet Communist Party in September.

Moderates are planning to propose a motion instructing Region One's emergency and general purposes committee to recover its investment of £10,000 "at the earliest opportunity".

They will argue that the orginal investment was made on the understanding that the shares would be used to provide a printing service for the trade union and Labour movement.

However, since Region One decided to increase its investment to £10,000 the People's Press Printing Society sold its printing premises at William Rust House in London to Mr David Sullivan, publisher of *Sunday Sport*.

The motion states that the printing society "provides no service to the wider trade union movement other than to support the Communist Campaign Group's narrow and anti-working class project to establish a rival Communist Party, steeped in traditional sectarian class politics".

After allegations from some union members that the hard-left donated union money to the *Morning Star* without advertisements appearing in the paper, moderates will also propose a motion calling on the regional committee to give a precise statement of investments held in the form of shares, payments made for display advertising, donations to the paper's fighting fund and any other payments.

The dispute is likely to play a key part in the crucial January elections for the general executive council.

The *Morning Star* is campaigning for the hard-left candidates in order to retain union financial support for the paper and plans to launch a new pro-soviet Communist Party.

Moderate union officials argue that Region One's funding of the *Morning Star* was unconstitutional after the union's executive voted to withdraw support from the paper because of its "efforts to destabilize the union".

Yet on December 1, the day Mr Reid's appointment as secretary of Region One was ratified by the general executive council, Mr Sid Staden, the outgoing secretary and a former communist, wrote to all the London branches with a request to publicize the paper's shares drive.

At the last union executive meeting, Mr Peter Hagger, a leading member of the Communist Campaign Group, was prevented by the chairman, Mr Brian Nicholson, from moving a motion reversing executive policy to withdraw support from the *Morning Star*.

A leading union official said yesterday: "This clearly shows if the hard-left captured control of the union they would waste members' money on crank causes."

Kinnock hint of renewed onslaught on NHS cuts

By Staff Reporters

The National Health Service will sink deeper into crisis in 1988 as the Government puts tax cuts before higher spending, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, said yesterday.

In remarks suggesting that the pre-Christmas £100 million boost for the service has secured only a temporary lull in hostilities over standards of health care, Mr Kinnock indicated that the Opposition would redouble its onslaught after the Budget.

Mr Nigel Lawson, Chancellor of the Exchequer, is widely expected to cut the basic rate of tax and to reduce the higher bands.

In a new year message making no reference to his party's crushing election defeat in June, Mr Kinnock said the Conservatives were presiding over increasing shabbiness, violence, division and debt.

"In its fortieth anniversary year, the health service will move deeper into a crisis that, although obvious to all who use it and work in it, is still denied by a Prime Minister who wants treatment and prevention of illness to be dependent on private provision.

"Infinity of demand for health care should be a challenge. This government uses it as an alibi.

"The fact that it cannot do everything is no excuse for not doing all in its power. And a government that gives tax cuts higher priority than treatment is plainly not doing all in its power."

The leaders of the Liberal and Social Democratic parties struck a more reflective note as they approached the last few hurdles before a merger.

Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, conceded that the election result was disappointing, but insisted his party had learned from the mistakes of running two organizations in tandem.

Only a "tiny minority" of Liberals and Social Democrats would refuse to join the new united party that should be finally brought to fruition in the autumn, Mr Steel said.

Their internal dialogue must be completed with all speed so the country was again presented with an "electable" opposition, which was something Labour could not provide.

Mr Robert Maclennan, the SDP leader, said he was seeking to use the one-member, one-vote "bedrock" of the proposed Alliance as a stick with which to chastise both his political opponents and Dr David Owen and his anti-merger followers.

Referring to the Owenites' claim to the Social Democratic Party, he said: "The true mantle of social democracy lies with individual social democrats, by secret ballot, deciding the future of their party. Such basic democracy may bring decisions which some individuals find impossible to accept."

Mr Norman Willis's new year message was an appeal to trade unionists to stop bickering and start winning the vital support of young people.

The TUC general secretary said the movement had spent too long looking inward. It was time to change the public conception of what trade unionism was about.

"The image of strike-happy, irresponsible workers prepared to inconvenience the public at the drop of a hat is as inaccurate as it is commonplace", he said.

In the face of a 25 per cent drop in trade union membership since 1979 – from more than 12 million to less than 9 million – the movement should project a new and more friendly image aimed at attracting young people.

The British Journal of Industrial Relations found from research that only 24 to 28 per cent of young people were unionized,

Mr Willis is concerned that a whole generation of young people might know nothing of trade unionism other than what they read in the press.

"For far too long the movement has spent much time looking inward, being concerned only with its own affairs and worst of all with inter-union rivalry. The bickering must stop and winning over young people must start. The sooner we do it the better", he said.

Mr Arthur Scargill's year end message included a further attack on Sir Robert Haslam, the chairman of British Coal. The miners' leader accused Sir Robert of "blatant deception" in claiming that flexible working would create more jobs and give miners more leisure time.

Mr Scargill urged all members of the National Union of Mineworkers to intensify the campaign against the introduction of a six-day working week.

He said: "All the evidence confirms that introduction of a six-day working week will result in massive pit closures and job losses.

Health officials yesterday postponed a decision to close a hospital ward in Wolverhampton where women patients threatened to tie themselves to their beds.

The 17 patients in the mixed dermatology ward at New Cross Hospital refused to be moved to a general medical ward on Tuesday. Their protest was supported by staff. Wolverhampton Health Authority said yesterday that the closure had been deferred for more discussions. The closure was to help to reduce overspending of £500,000 by the authority.

● Babywear firms are being invited to set up shop in the maternity unit at Leicester Royal Infirmary to raise money to buy equipment. The shop will be run as a partnership between the manufacturers and hospital authorities.

Big rush to beat nationality deadline



The front of the queue yesterday to beat the deadline and register for British nationality (Photograph: Alan Weller).

By Sam Kiley

Hundreds of Commonwealth and Irish citizens blocked traffic as they queued outside the Home Office immigration headquarters yesterday to register for British nationality before midight tonight.

Staff at Lunar House, in Croydon, south London, will spend New Year's Eve sorting out the deluge of last minute registrations.

The police said: "It is ridiculous, they have had five years to register but they want to do it at the last minute. They chokbd the town centre, already bursting to the seams with sales shoppers."

About 200,000 people have registered since the British Nationality Act (1981) came into effect in 1983, 100,000 during the past year, and an estimated 8,000 this week.

Under the act citizens of Commonwealth countries resident in the UK before, and since, January 1, 1973, qualify for British citizenship provided they register before the midnight deadline.

The Home Office emphasizes that if they qualify, but fail to register now, their rights under immigration law will not be affected.

The office said: "They will still get welfare benefits and have the right to vote. They will still qualify for British citizenship through naturalization which requires a minimum residence period of two years plus proof that they are of good character, and costs £170 as opposed to the £60 for registration."

Mr James Fredericks, an Irish citizen, has lived and worked in Britain for more than 30 years as an insurance agent. "I have decided not to register", he said after standing in the rain outside Lunar House and talking to others in the queue.

"I think it is silly that we have to register. I served in the RAF for six years, it's a con-trick to get more money out of immigrants."

Mrs Marjorie Horne from Walthamstow, east London, was queuing for her boy friend, Mr Fred Smith, who was parking his car. "If they do not get the £60 at least they will get £12 a head on parking tickets".

A Lunar House employee said: "No extra staff have been taken on to cope with the rush but we have stopped checking forms and are now concentrating on getting them in before midnight. Forms with a 1987 postmark will be admitted."

Same-day US visas go

From next Monday the US Embassy will stop issuing same-day visas to the public and the day-long queue in Grosvenor Square will cease to be a feature of the London scene.

Applications delivered by hand will be returned by post and postal applicants will be asked to allow two weeks for the return of their passports.

Budget cuts and exchange rate fluctuations are blamed for the reduction in service.

Travellers unable to wait for free visas by post will be able to obtain visas within 24 hours from such travel agents and specialist services as Visa Shop, Chandos Place, London WC2. But they will have to pay. Visa Shop charges £8.63 and offers an advisory service for clients who have difficulty with the forms for non-immigrant visas.

The passport and visa section of the Hogg Robinson travel agency chain said that the embassy "has told us that we cannot have any more same day visas except on compassionate grounds" but that the company would still be able to provide visas within 24 hours.

The embassy is inviting travel agents, courier companies and others "who can demonstrate frequent and high volume business" to become accredited institutional clients for whom it will provide a rapid service.

Cash fears over legal aid reform

By Stewart Tendler

Government proposals to reform the legal aid system may create a "paper tiger", producing no measurable benefits and eroding the principles of aid for defendants, Britain's senior Civil Service union says.

The criticism comes today from the Association of First Division Civil Servants in a paper sent to Lord Mackay of Clashfern on the Legal Aid Bill.

The union, which represents lawyers involved in the legal aid scheme, has told the Lord Chancellor that legal aid administration is already clogged up, and backlogs will worsen unless the Government provides extra cash for the new measures.

The legal aid system is already strained. In 1980, it took staff two weeks to deal with an application for aid. Now the decision may take six weeks. During the past year, many offices have imposed restrictions on answering telephone calls and personal inquiries so that staff can deal with paperwork.

In the five years to March 1985, the workload of offices increased by 44.5 per cent, while staff increased by 8.6 per cent. In 1985-86, staff increased by 12 per cent, but half the increase went to administer the duty solicitor scheme.

"We conclude that the Government will not be able to achieve its stated aim of providing legal aid more efficiently and effectively unless there is a significant increase in administrative resources", the union paper says.

Mrs Sue Corby, the union's assistant general secretary, said: "Administration is a relatively small part of the whole legal aid bill. Even £5 million to £10 million would make a tremendous difference."

Rivals are opting for draws

By Harry Golombek
Chess Correspondent

Four more games were drawn in the second round of the Foreign and Colonial Grandmaster tournament at the Hastings international chess congress yesterday.

Davies of England agreed to a draw with his compatriot Nunn after 33 moves of a Ruy Lopez, while Psakhis of the Soviet Union and Larsen (Denmark) called a halt after 27 moves in a Queen's Indian Defence.

Speelman and Short, also of England, agreed to share the spoils after 34 moves in a Queen's Indian Defence. The game between Chandler (England) and Benjamin (United States) was also drawn after four and a half hours' play.

All four games in the opening round on Tuesday were drawn.

BBC Man of the Year

Tragic father is honoured

By Lynda Murdin

Mr Gordon Wilson, the Enniskillen man who forgave his daughter's killers, has been named Man of the Year in the annual straw poll run by BBC Radio 4's *Today* programme.

Mr Wilson, aged 60, who was praised by the Queen in her Christmas Day broadcast, held the hand of his daughter, Marie, as she died in the devastation caused by an IRA bomb.

The postal vote by radio listeners – completed several days before the Queen made her commendation – put Mr Wilson well ahead of the runner-up, Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Russian leader.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher was the clear winner of the Woman of the Year title, her fifth win in six years. Dr Pauline Cutting, who worked in Beirut refugee camps, was second; the Princess Royal came third for the second year running. The Princess of Wales was sixth.

At his home last night, Mr Wilson said he was "overwhelmed".

"The mind begins to boggle a bit because so many things are happening. I understand Mr Gorbachov came second and Prince Charles third – what can an ordinary guy like myself say? The fact is, I am out of my depth.

"The bottom line has to be that I am humbled. Whatever I said after the explosion was not for any response but because it came from the heart. Marie's last words were words of love."

Mr Wilson, surprised that he is still receiving sackfuls of letters more than seven weeks after the Remembrance Day bomb, said: "I hope it's not immodest for me to say so, but I know a lot of good has come through and hopefully a lot more will, to spread a little bit more peace and reconciliation in Ireland."

The Queen remarked that Mr Wilson impressed the world with the depth of his forgiveness and echoed his prayer that out of personal tragedies could come reconciliation between communities.

Mr Terry Waite came fourth in the men's poll; Mr Bob Geldof, fifth; Mr Colin Townsley, the fireman who died in the King's Cross tragedy, sixth; and Mr Andrew Parker, the "human bridge" in the Zeebrugge disaster, seventh. Mike Gatting, the English cricket captain, was eighth; Mr Norman Tebbit came ninth and the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, tenth.

● Miss Susan Wighton, the Glaswegian nurse who treated wounded Palestinians in a Beirut refugee camp with Dr Pauline Cutting, has been named Scot of the Year by BBC Radio Scotland.

Miss Wighton, aged 28, has launched a campaign, Scottish Medical Aid for Palestinians, to raise £50,000 to build five medical centres in Israel.

Plea for pupils to see files

By Sarah Thompson
Education Reporter

Children should be allowed to see the "secret" files kept on them at school, the Children's Legal Centre says.

Such a move could improve relationships between teachers and pupils and be of educational value, the centre, a pressure group working for improved legal rights for children and young people, says.

It would also put an end to "appalling" comments made by teachers in some children's files.

Mr Martin Rosenbaum, the centre's researcher, says notable past comments have included statements such as "A bit concerned over X's honesty, though as yet no evidence" and "This boy is big, black and smelly".

In response to government proposals that parents – but not pupils under 18 – should have the right to see school records, the centre emphasizes that under the Data Protection Act, children of all ages already have the right to know what computerized information is held on them.

Ministers are to bring regulations on access to pupil records into force by September of next year.

The DHSS also advises social services departments to allow children and young people to see their own files if they ask to.

Floating toast

Mr Paul Slade, a mariner, aged 24, from Drayford, Devon, is planning to paddle across the Channel on a waterproofed eight-foot square piece of toast to raise money for charity.

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Blandford Fly at bay

Final deterrent for most sexist insect

By Howard Foster

The days of *simulium posticatum*, alias The Blandford Fly – arguably the most sexist insect in Britain – may be numbered. After 20 years of complaints about its attacks on the exposed lower legs of the ladies of Dorset, officialdom is preparing to bite back.

Last summer about 300 people living in and around Blandford Forum and the River Stour were bitten by the newly-hatched female larvae of the species, which cause blisters and infection. The pattern has remained broadly the same since the 1960s but has spread downstream up to 16 miles away to Bournemouth and Wimborne.

For every one Dorset male attacked by the fly, three or four women are afflicted, causing speculation that the larvae were predisposed to seeking out women. The truth, according to Dr John Ladle, a local biologist, is more likely to be that the female habit of wearing skirts, not trousers, leaves women open to biting. The irritation in the neighbourhood remains.

"We have established that the eggs of the Blandford Fly are laid on the banks of the river. The females, having hatched, mate and then go for a blood meal before laying their eggs and dying. The simplest explanation is that the insect habitually bites at or below knee level", Dr Ladle said.

The fly has a range of several miles, which can take it into Bournemouth and beyond. The irritating effects of its bites have led Blandford residents to seek help from the local council and environmental bodies because of the distress caused.

"We hear of secondary infections because people scratch so much after being bitten as well as the pain from the blisters", Mr David Nightingale, a former Dorset county councillor, said. He has himself been bitten by the Blandford Fly.

"To be honest, we have been trying to get something done about this for years with no effect. I blame the change in farming habits which means that land drainage has created a better habitat for the fly and more are hatching. I don't know what the effect on tourism will be if we don't do something about this".

Dr Ladle, of the Freshwater Biological Association, based in Wareham, is hopeful that a meeting of health officers and water authority representatives will agree next month to confront the Blandford Fly with *Bacillus thuringiensis*, a biological insecticide which gets into the gut of the larvae and kills it.

"This would mean spraying a suspension of the insecticide into the river. It is the favourite option at the moment", he added.

Mr Nightingale fears the worst if nothing is done by next spring, when the Blandford Fly begins its mating and hatching period.

He added: "The powers that be have been very ineffective about this and we just hope that next month will see some final positive action".

Poaching threat to wild goats' survival

By Kerry Gill

A herd of wild goats, which has roamed the hills of the Northumbrian and Scottish borderland for hundreds of years, is under threat from poachers and forestry interests.

The goats, some of which have horns more than 2ft long, are believed to be a breed distinct from other wild goats in the north of England and in Scotland.

Shooting is thought to have reduced their number to a few more than 70 today, compared with more than 300 in the past.

The goats are descendants of domestic goats kept until the seventeenth century. Many of them, particularly the older males with long backward-curving horns, are sought after as trophies.

Others are allegedly shot by keepers working for private forestry concerns.

Mr Alf Weir, chairman of Kielder Parish Council, said: "There is absolutely no doubt they are being shot. Carcasses have been found on the fells and a local ranger had to shoot a billy that had had its rear leg shattered by a rifle shot."

The Forestry Commission has also been accused of culling the goats because of damage to young trees, but that was strongly denied yesterday.

The Forestry Commission said that it saw wild goats as an attractive feature of open upland areas in forests. Its rangers were professionals and would not shoot goats and leave them to die.

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Doctors urged to tell police of heavy drinkers who drive

By Craig Seton

A chief constable said yesterday that doctors should tell the police about patients who were heavy drinkers and ignored advice to stop driving.

Mr Peter Joslin, Chief Constable of Warwickshire and secretary of the Association of Chief Police Officers' traffic committee, said the medical profession and the police had to co-operate to keep the hard core of problem drinkers off the road.

Mr Joslin said the issue would be discussed at a meeting between his association and the British Medical Association in the new year.

He said: "GPs know the people who are regularly drinking and driving and are a danger on the road, not only to themselves but to every other innocent person who uses the road."

Mr Joslin said doctors should advise heavy drinkers among their patients not to drive.

"If patients refuse to take that advice, then doctors will inform them that they feel it is their duty, either through the British Medical Association or some organization of that kind, that the police be informed."

He said it was part of a doctor's role to be responsible to society in that way. It would save innocent lives and the lives of their patients.

Mr Joslin agreed that a doctor's confidentiality to his patients was important, but said: "I believe there are methods by which the problem can be solved".

He was speaking after figures showed that 1,688 positive breath tests were carried out nationally, excluding London and Scotland, in the Christmas period up to December 23. The number was 33 down on last year.

Mr Joslin said changing the drink-drive limit would not have much effect because most drink-drive offenders were more than twice over the limit.

He added: "The BMA has passed a motion calling for random breath tests. That suggests that the police can virtually solve the problem by themselves and that is clearly not so. All I am thinking of is saving lives."

The BMA said yesterday: "If a doctor is worried that a patient has a serious problem and is continuing to drive, then maybe his duty to society will override keeping confidentiality, but that would be in a very few cases".

● Drivers were urged yesterday not to use cars fitted with "do-it-yourself" breath-testing kits.

Some Rover 800s are being sold in Buckinghamshire with a £300 Australian-made device which prevents over-the-limit drivers from starting the engine.

But the Department of Transport said: "We urge people not to use this device. If people are in any doubt about their ability to drive they should not even think about driving."

The breath testers are being sold by the Bletchley Motor Company in Bletchley, Buckinghamshire. The driver blows into the device before switching on the ignition. If he is over the limit, the car's electrical circuits are immobilized.

The company's managing director, Mr David Dunn, said: "We have had about 40 firm orders so far. The devices are geared to the Australian drink-drive limits which are lower than ours, so there is a big safety margin."

● A motorist who drove when he was four-and-a-half times over the legal drink limit was jailed for three months and banned for seven years yesterday at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court in London.

David Richardson, aged 41, of Needham Point, Lollard Street, Kennington, south London, admitted drink-driving and driving while disqualified. It was his third drink-driving offence in 10 years.

Police will impose tight controls on the New Year celebrations at Trafalgar Square tonight. They will divert people if crowds become too heavy and there rowdy behaviour will be curbed.

Photographers and television cameramen are being asked not to excite crowds by encouraging them to wave, cheer or climb on statues. Photographers are also being asked to limit the use of lights because crowds can become temporarily blinded or confused.

Motorists are urged to avoid central London where there will be road closures or diversions from 8pm. Buses and the Underground will run a free service after midnight.

● Extra police will be on patrol in Lincoln tonight to prevent a repetition of riots last year when a gang of 300 youths attacked police and looted shops.

The royal pony club rides out



Happiness for three of the Queen's grandchildren yesterday was an hour-long ride under the watchful eye of the Princess Royal at Sandringham, where the Royal Family is spending its traditional Christmas holiday.

It was a beaming Princess who wished photographers a happy new year as she escorted her children Peter, aged 10, and Zara, aged six, plus five-year-old Prince William, along one of the estate's public roads. The relaxed atmosphere was in marked contrast to the sometimes strained relations between the press and the Royal Family on previous occasions.

The royal four were met at the stables by Prince Andrew, who had earlier chatted informally with waiting photographers. A keen cameraman himself, he asked them about their pay.

Prince Edward was a solitary figure as he went horse-riding alone on the 20,000-acre estate. The Prince was said to be missing his friend, Miss Georgia May, aged 22. She is due to join him for four days next week.

(Photograph: Julian Herbert)

Portfolio Gold

Prize will bring back a garden

The only winner of *The Times* Portfolio Gold prize is Mrs L Ackerman, of Orpington, Kent. She wins £4,000.

Mrs Ackerman, aged 80, a former school teacher, has been reading *The Times* since 1933 and has played Portfolio since it started.

"I don't think I've missed a single day", she said yesterday.

She added that the win could not have come at a better time, as many trees in her garden, a bluebell wood, were flattened in last October's storms and prize rhododendrons were crushed.

"We can now afford to call in the woodman and he can clear the trees and we can have our garden back. I am thrilled. It is the first time I have ever won anything", she said.

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Sweet taste of honesty

When staff at Dhillon's Stores in Teddington, south-west London, mistakenly handed a customer a bag of cash instead of the sweet chestnuts he had asked for, they thought they had seen the last of the money.

However, Mr Malcolm Morris, aged 42, of Sunbury, Surrey, reported the £1,800 error to police yesterday and promised to return the money to the store. A police officer praised him for his honesty.

Drunk as a lord on tonics

By Ian Smith

Empty champagne and wine bottles littered tables, normally reserved civic dignitaries turned into flirtatious lounge lizards and student guests became increasingly boisterous as they drank the free drink.

It could have been any one of a thousand office parties or family gatherings brimming over with the festive spirit at New Year, but for one extraordinary difference.

There were no embarrassing faux pas, no breath test failures and no hangovers, because none of the drink that loosened tongues and swept away social barriers at the health authority function contained a trace of alcohol.

"When I told them all the champagne, wine and supposedly powerful punch they had drunk so copiously was non-alcoholic the guests were stunned.

"Some of them became angry because they thought they had been cheated", Dr Laura Pendleton, a psychologist, who is research and development co-ordinator of the North-west Regional Health Authority Drink Wisely Campaign, said.

She added: "My intention was not to mislead anyone; merely to demonstrate that alcohol is not an essential party ingredient".

Research in Britain and America suggests that it is the psychological, not physiological, effect of alcohol that relaxes subjects, makes them less inhibited and more outgoing.

In one test, study groups were given bottles of odourless, colourless liquid and told they could drink as much of it as they liked.

Some participants were told they were drinking vodka, and others that they were drinking tonic water. Some were told the truth, but others were deceived. Those who thought they were drinking vodka — whether they were or not — drank twice as much as those told they were being served tonic water.

Mrs Elizabeth Smith is director of the Greater Manchester and Lancashire Council on Alcohol, based in the region where more alcohol is consumed than anywhere else in the country.

She said: "Clinical tests prove it is the thought of becoming inebriated, not the fact, which encourages people to drop their natural guard".

Drink Wisely North-west has produced a calendar, enlivening alcohol-free drinks with names such as Spotlight and Strawberry Frost. It can be got free from the North West Regional Health Authority Department of Prevention, Gateway House, Manchester.

Receptionists accused of discourtesy

Doctors' receptionists need to improve their attitude towards patients, a voluntary group committed to courtesy says.

The Polite Society plans to publish a *Good Manners Guide*, listing businesses and services that pride themselves on courteous dealings with customers.

The Rev Ian Gregory, founder of the society, says the guide is an attempt to encourage considerate service in any business that has face-to-face contact with the public.

"Standards are falling". Mr Gregory, a Congregational Church minister at Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, said.

The *Good Manners Guide* will list businesses and services after recommendation by Polite Society members.

Murdered girl's father seeks public inquiry

The father of one of two murdered Brighton schoolgirls yesterday called for a public inquiry by the Home Office into their deaths. Mr Barrie Fellows also said an outside police force should be called in to investigate the case.

Mr Fellows was speaking after a coroner recorded verdicts of unlawful killing on his daughter Nicola and her friend Karen Hadaway, both aged nine.

Last month, at Lewes Crown Court, East Sussex, Mr Russell Bishop, aged 21, of Brighton, was found not guilty of murdering the two girls.

Their bodies were found in Wild Park, Brighton, in October last year. Both had been strangled and Nicola sexually assaulted.

Yesterday, the five-minute inquest hearing at Hove, East Sussex, was told that police had no plans to reopen the murder investigation.

Mr Fellows had asked the East Sussex coroner, Dr Donald Gooding, if he could make his plea for a public inquiry at the inquest but was refused permission. Later, Mr Fellows, aged 38, of Newick Road, Brighton, said: "There are two little girls dead and no one seems to care. There should be a public inquiry and the Home Office should be involved.

"I think a separate police force should look into the case because it was a shambles", he added, close to tears. "The investigation should be re-opened and they should go looking for fresh evidence.

"I have got nothing against the police at all. They did a good job, but I think it ought to be looked into."

Police told the inquest that any fresh evidence would be closely examined.

Getting away from it all

£1,995 for a weekend break

A Lake District hotel is offering weekend breaks costing £1,995 a person. Guests will be served grouse, venison, fillet steak, lobster, caviar, truffles and *pâté de foie gras*.

So far there have been no takers for the luxury weekend at the four-star Armanthwaite Hall hotel on Lake Bassenthwaite, near Keswick.

Miss Carolyn Graves, a director of the hotel, said: "The big spending break is for people who work so hard that holidays are a rarity and have to be crammed full of a year's worth of pleasures".

Those include return helicopter travel from up to 200 miles, a self-drive or chauffeur driven Rolls-Royce, the hotel's luxury suite with its spa bath and sunbathing tower, a case of champagne per person, the pick of the cellar, a personal chef to cook whatever takes the guests' fancy, and two sheepskin coats and personalized crystal decanter and glasses as souvenirs.

● More than a million British visitors helped to make 1987 a record year for tourism in the Irish Republic.

Many were air passengers taking advantage of the new low fares, especially from Luton where Ryanair and Virgin have forced a cut-price war, nearly filling their regular flights to and from Dublin and other Irish cities.

The Irish earned more than £700 million from tourism last year and hope that this will be overtaken next year.

● The growing number of vegetarian airline passengers are getting a bad deal from airlines, according to *Executive Travel* magazine.

Many airlines serve vegetarian meals which are at best passable and can be dire, the magazine says.

Although the number of vegetarians is increasing rapidly — one in 15 people are said not to eat red meat — vegetarian air passengers are not being properly catered for.

"Many airlines still do not differentiate between the stalwarts who, either for religious or personal reasons, decline to eat animal products and the new breed just keen to stay off meat. Chances are they will be lumped together and handed the same spartan platter of limp cooked vegetables."

British Airways rejected the claims. It said that out of 120,000 meals it served a week, 6,000 were for passengers with special food requests. Of those 1,650 were vegetatrian and 150 vegan.

The airline also produces 1,200 Asian meals, 1,320 kosher meals and thousands of other special diets for Muslims, Hindus or diabetics.

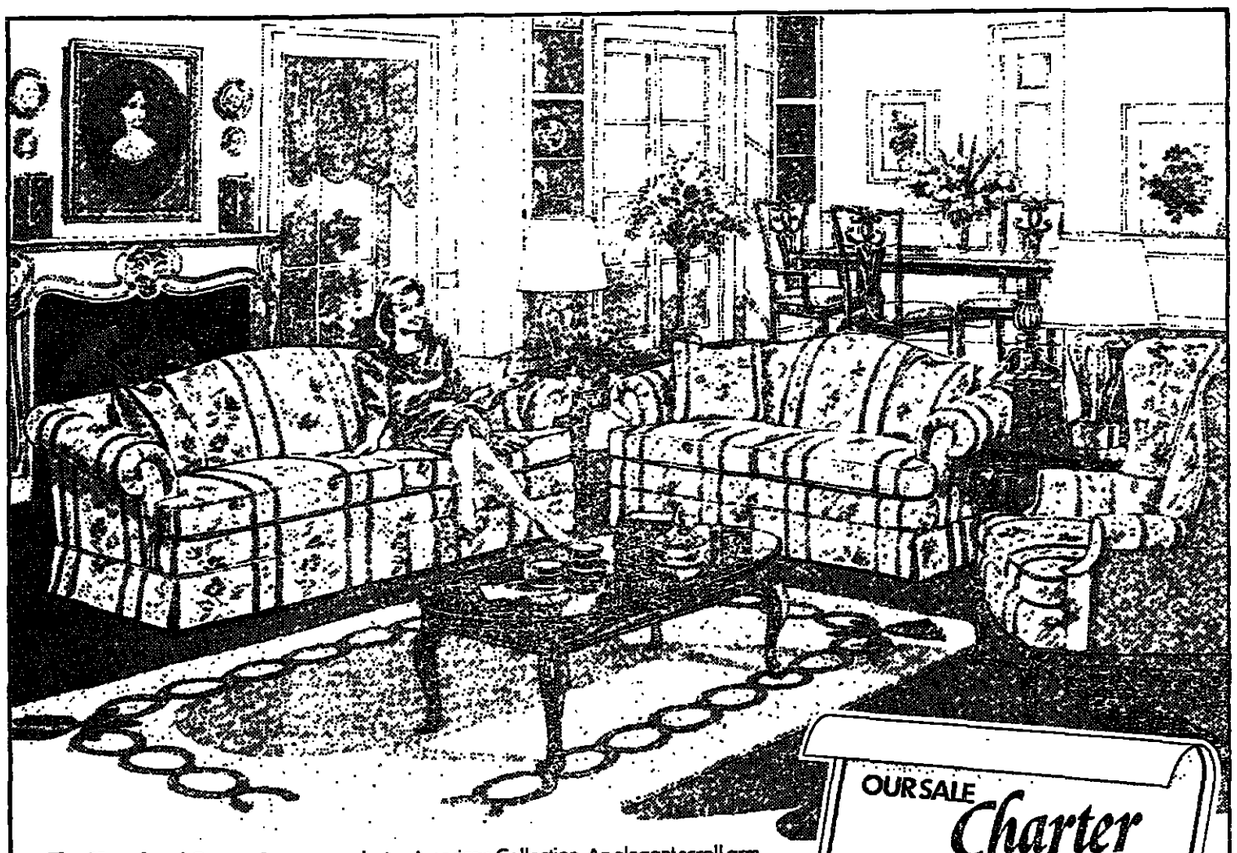
The airline said: "There is an increasing number of people who want healthier and lighter foods and we do our best to cater for them." All vegetarian meals, like any other special diet, have to be requested at least 24 hours in advance of a flight.

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NEW YEAR HONOURS

Awards for Anthony Powell, Sir John Donaldson, Kenneth Oxford,

A unique accolade for the controversial but popular Chief Rabbi

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, will be the first head of the British Jewish community to sit in the House of Lords. Sir Immanuel, aged 66, was knighted in 1981. He has been head of the United Hebrew Congregations — by far the largest Jewish community in Britain — for 20 years.

Sir Immanuel enjoys a high standing both with the Government and with the main Christian leaders in Britain, and meets regularly with the Archbishops of Canterbury and Westminster, Dr Robert Runcie and Cardinal Basil Hume.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher and other Cabinet ministers are known to have a high opinion of him. Last year he became the first non-Christian to receive a Lambeth degree from the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Sir Immanuel is regarded as the chief spokesman for Jewry in Britain by the other non-Orthodox Jewish communities, in spite of sometimes being involved in religious controversy. His lifelong interest has been in the field of medical ethics, for which he gained a PhD in London after leaving Germany as a young refugee in 1936.

He is a strong supporter of Israel, though sometimes willing to forthrightly criticize Israeli government policies.

While still a young man he became Chief Rabbi of Ireland before moving to a synagogue in New York. In Britain he has seen his role as building up structures in the 400,000-strong Jewish community, such as Jewish schools, and upholding the observance of strict Jewish practice.

The warmth of the relationships he has developed with Christian leaders in Britain has no equal, and he has been universally recognized by the churches as a man of deep and attractive spiritual wisdom. But he does not believe in inter-faith theological dialogue and has not seen eye-to-eye with other faiths on everything.

He rather upstaged senior churchman in 1987 with a statement on Aids and homosexuality which was more forthright and uncompromising than any they had made.

Previously he had publicly disagreed with the approach adopted by the Church of England's report on inner urban areas, *Faith in the City*. He advocated private initiative in preference to public expenditure in a way which earned him much approval from the Government.

Prayer, he once said, was "an instrument to express ourselves, not to impress ourselves", adding: "I am not meant to change God, I'm meant to change myself".



Michael Skippen, 30, posthumously awarded the George Medal. As head waiter on the Herald of Free Enterprise, he was praised at the official inquiry for selflessly helping people trapped in the ferry's restaurant, eventually sacrificing his own life.



Stephen Homewood (QGM) was assistant purser aboard the Herald of Free Enterprise. He is one of five of the crew members to win awards for their role in rescuing passengers from the ship. Mr Homewood worked for several hours on the side of the vessel



Andrew Parker (George Medal) formed a human bridge across icy waters in the ferry to allow 20 people to scramble to safety across his back. A former policeman who now works in a City bank, Mr Parker's wife and teenage daughter also escaped



Eamon Fullen (QGM) is one of two Royal Navy divers awarded the medal. He was one of the first divers to enter the Herald and later discovered three men still alive, trapped in the ferry. A clearance diver aboard HMS Hurworth, he is now serving in the Gulf.



Judi Dench (DBE), 53, is one of the country's most popular actresses, able to encompass television comedy, as in *A Fine Romance*.



Sir John Donaldson, QC, PC (life peer), 67, has been Master of the Rolls since 1982. Became a High Court judge in 1966 when he was knighted.



Patricia Hayes (OBE), 77, actress. Nowadays she mainly portrays elderly oddballs, such as television's acclaimed *Edna The Inebriate Woman*



Anne Mueller (DBE), 57, became second permanent secretary in the Treasury responsible for Civil Service pay and working conditions last autumn.



Sir Immanuel Jakobovits (life peer), 66, has been Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregations of Great Britain and the Commonwealth since 1967.



Anita Roddick (OBE), 44, founded the Body Shop natural beauty products chain in 1976 with a £4,000 loan from a local garage owner



Diana Rigg (CBE), 49, has forged a varied acting career but is still most often remembered as a glamorous Emma Peel in television's *The Avengers*.



Sandy Gall (CBE), 60, newscaster on *News At Ten* since 1970, previously worked as a foreign correspondent both with Reuters and ITN.

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST

LIFE PEERS

BARONS

Armstrong, Sir Robert (Temple), lately Secretary of the Cabinet and Head of the Home Civil Service.

Donaldson, Sir John (Francis), Master of the Rolls.

Jakobovits, Rabbi Sir Immanuel, Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth of Nations.

PRIVY COUNSELLORS

Brooke, Peter Leonard, Minister of State, HM Treasury. Member of Parliament, the City of London and Westminster South.

Newton, Antony Harold,. Minister for Health. Member of Parliament, Braintree.

Onslow, Cranley Gordon Douglas, Member of Parliament, Woking.

COMPANION OF HONOUR

Powell, Anthony Dymoke, author.

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Barratt, Richard Stanley, HM Chief Inspector of Constabulary.

Beck, Edgar Philip, Chairman, John Mowlem and Co. plc.

Benson, Christopher John, for public services.

Bowness, Alan, Director, Tate Gallery.

Caine, Michael Harris, Chairman, Booker plc.

Campbell, *Commander* Ian Tofts, for political and public service.

Cassels, John Seton, Director General, National Economic Development Office.

Cook, Alan Hugh, Jacksonian Professor of Natural Philosophy and Master of Selwyn College, Cambridge.

Cotton, (Thomas) Henry (deceased), for services to golf.

Darby, Professor Henry Clifford, for services to the study of historical geography.

Girolami, Paul, Chairman, Glaxo Holdings plc.

Gordon, Alexander John, Senior Partner, Alex Gordon Partnership.

Grabham, Anthony Herbert, Consultant Surgeon, Kettering and District General Hospital.

Green, Kenneth, Director, Manchester Polytechnic.

Hornby, Simon Michael, Director and Chairman, WH Smith and Son Holdings Ltd. Chairman, The Design Council.

Jacobs, David Anthony, for political service.

Jay, Antony Rupert, for political and public service.

Lawrence, *John Patrick* Grosvenor, for political and public service.

Leggatt, Hugh Frank John, Art Dealer, Member of the Museums and Galleries Commission.

Loveridge, John Warren, for political and public service.

Macfarlane, David Neil, for political service.

McCallum, Donald Murdo, for services to industry and education in Scotland.

Morrison, Charles Andrew for political service.

Oxford, Kenneth Gordon, Chief Constable, Merseyside Police.

Robins, Ralph Harry, Managing Director, Rolls-Royce plc.

Rogers, Frank Jarvis, Chairman, EMAP plc.

Shock, Maurice, lately Vice-Chancellor, University of Leicester.

Smith, John Lindsay Eric, *Chairman, Landmark Trust.*

Spicer, James Wilton, for political service.

Temple, Ernest Sanderson (His Honour Judge Temple), Recorder of Liverpool.

Tomlinson, Professor Bernard Evans, Chairman, Northern Regional Health Authority.

Wheeler, Harry Anthony, President, Royal Scottish Academy.

Wilson, Anthony, Head of Government Accountancy Service and Accounting Adviser to HM Treasury.

ORDER OF THE BATH

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ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

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Clayton, Miss Barbara Evelyn, (Mrs W. Klyne), professor of chemical pathology and human metabolism, University of Southampton.

Dench, Miss Judith Olivia, (Mrs Michael Williams), actress.

Kellett-Bowman, Mrs (Mary) Elaine, MP, for political service.

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ZEEBRUGGE AWARDS

GEORGE MEDAL

In recognition of bravery during the hazardous rescue operations after the capsize of the Herald of Free Enterprise:

Parker, Andrew Clifford Parker, assistant bank manager, Nippon Credit International, passenger, Herald of Free Enterprise.

Skippen, Michael Ian (deceased), lately head waiter, Herald of Free Enterprise.

QUEEN'S GALLANTRY MEDAL

Lt S N Bound, RN; L Cornelius, seaman, Herald of Free Enterprise; Lt-Ter-Zee 1st Klas, G A Conwenbergh, Belgian Navy; Lt-Ter-Zee 1ste Klas M A C Dacmx, Belgian Navy; Able seaman E C McK Fullen, RN; S R Homewood, asst purser, Herald of Free Enterprise; P Lagast, diver, Tijdelijke Vereniging Bergingswerken; W S Walker, seaman, Herald of Free Enterprise; T H Wilson, quartermaster, Herald of Free Enterprise; D van Mullem, diver, Tijdelijke Vereniging Bergingswerken.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT

CPO E G Kerr11, RN; CPO P F Still, RN.1

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UK citizens

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(Military)

Commdr J Burnett — RN superintendent of diving, RN.

MBE

(Civil)

M L Berkeley — Chief Officer, Isle of Anglesey Lifeboat Station; Mrs C J Brotherhood — Chief Ambulance Officer, Kent Ambulance Service; Mrs N de Candole — Chairman, Isle of Wight Branch, St John Ambulance; Dr C Dyson — Medical Officer, Dover Harbour Board; Mrs P Hughes — Co-ordinator, Kent Ambulance Service; Mrs A Mills — Superintendent, Kent Ambulance Service; Mrs M Norman — Chief Ambulance Officer, Isle of Wight Ambulance Service; Mrs A Van Loo, St John and Red Cross Hospitals welfare.

MBE

(Military)

WO M G Fellows, now (Overseas Civil) Diving Inspector, RN; WO E Jones, narrows cmdr, RNY.

BEM

(Military)

Lt(E) D G Pemberton, Trident Ops, RCT.

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C W Budd, shipmstr, River Tamar.

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KBE

Vanneste, Oliver Pauwel, Governor of West Flanders.

OBE

Capt M Claus — Harbour dir, Belgian Pilotage Service.

MBE

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D Piper, shipmstr, Seahorse; H Vermeersch, shipmstr, Serpentarius; Van Damme.

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Garrod, Lieutenant General John Martin Carruthers.

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MBE

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BEM

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NEW YEAR HONOURS

A peerage, and an unusual celebrity status

By John Winder

Whitehall's top Civil Servant since 1983, Sir Robert Armstrong, retires today with the peerage that has come to be the customary crowning of such a career.

But he retires too with a mark of fame more usually linked to those who earn their place in the Honours List by following a theatrical career—a catchphrase. Sir Robert's admission in an Australian court that in previous evidence he had been "economical with the truth" has earned him a certain celebrity status.

Sir Robert has never courted publicity, however, and would have been more than content to retire still unknown outside Whitehall, perhaps to establish a more public reputation from the benches of the House of Lords.

Appointed Secretary of the Cabinet in 1979, he became joint head of the Home Civil Service in 1981 and took over the sole responsibility of his present posts in 1983.

He delayed his retirement beyond his sixtieth birthday last March in order to see the General Election through. Sir Robert began his career in the Treasury and there made his formidable Civil Service reputation, apart from two years at the Home Office in the 1970s.

Music is his recreation and could have been his career. His father, Sir Thomas Armstrong, was head of the Royal Academy of Music and Sir Robert is a pianist and tenor singer who was once offered an opportunity as a music critic on *The Times*.



Dennis Amiss (MBE), 44, retired from cricket at the end of last season after a 28-year career with Warwickshire and England. He played in 50 Test matches between 1966 and 1977, with a top score of 262 not out against West Indies.



Billy Bonds (MBE), 41, has played a record 779 times for West Ham since joining the club in 1967 from Charlton Athletic for whom he made 95 Football League appearances. A former England Under 23 International.



Judy Oakes (MBE), 29, has been a shot-putter since 1978. She won gold, silver and bronze medals at the last three Commonwealth Games. Finished first a record nine times in the Women's AAA Indoor Championships.



Nick Faldo (MBE), 30, winner of the Open Golf Championship in 1987 and also a member of the successful European Ryder Cup team which last September won on American soil for the first time.



Patrick Steptoe (CBE), 74, is the surgeon who with Professor Robert Edwards (who is also made a CBE) perfected techniques which led to the birth of the world's first test-tube baby, Louise Brown, in 1978. He is now a director of the Bourn Hall clinic, near Cambridge.



Peter Brooke (PC), 53, succeeded Mr Norman Tebbit as chairman of the Conservative Party in November. Mr Brooke, Paymaster General since the general election, has held various government offices since 1979. He has been at the Treasury since 1985



Robin Butler (KCB), 50, takes over today as the new Cabinet Secretary and Head of the Home Civil Service after a career at the heart of Whitehall, in the Treasury, Cabinet Office and as private secretary to three prime ministers, Heath, Wilson and Thatcher.



Cranley Onslow (PC), 61, MP for Woking since 1964, was elected chairman of the 1922 Committee of Conservative backbench MPs in 1984. He held ministerial office in the 1970s, Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, 1982-83.



John Makepeace (OBE), 48, has won a reputation as a leading designer and maker of English furniture. In 1977 he founded the Parnham Trust and the School for Craftsmen in Wood



Denholm Elliott (CBE), 65, began acting on the London stage more than 40 years ago and later built up a considerable career in films; they include *The Cruel Sea* (1952)



Ernest Arthur Bell (CB), 61, has been director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, since 1981. His academic posts have included professor of botany at the University of Texas,



Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Harding (GCB), 54, has been Air Officer Commanding in Chief RAF Strike Command and Commander in Chief of United Kingdom Air Forces since 1985.

NEW ZEALAND

KNIGHTS BACHELOR

Bennett, John Mokonuiarangi, for services to education.
Brierley, Ronald Alfred, for services to business management and the community.
Halberg, Murray Gordon, for services to sport and handicapped children.
Quilliam, Mr Justice James Peter, judge of the High Court.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

DCMG

The Hon Ann Hercus, publ serv.

CMG

C F S Caldwell, serv to educ and commty; J W H Clark, sec of Trade and Indust; J T Kneebone, publ serv and serv to agric.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Scott, Prof Philip John, for service to medicine.

CBE

J P Cook, ltly judge of High Court; Emeritus Prof L G Geering, serv to relig studies; Miss A Nightingale, serv to nurs; Prof J D K North, serv to med; J H Oakley, serv to cricket; W L Renwick, dir-gen of educ; Mrs B M Richardson, *serv to commty.*

(Military Division)

Maj-Gen K M Gordon, Gens' List.

OBE

A G Benfell, serv to singing; I B Bricknell, serv to pottery and ceram; Mrs B M J Evans, serv to Girl Guides; E M Friedlander, serv to commty; Dr J R Gilmour, serv to obstet and commty; G W Hazlare, serv to perf arts; Prof *L Kay, serv to elect and electron engng*; Mrs F J Kidman, serv to lit; Dr M Kora, serv to Mr; B K Knowles, serv to dairy and wool indust; Mrs E N McInnes, serv to commty; S W A Raiston, publ serv; G W R Sharrock, serv to cycling; A E Tarrant, serv to indy; R J Todd, serv to union affrs and commty; A J Young, serv to educ of deaf.

(Police Division)

Dep Commr J A Jamieson, NZ Police.

(Military Division)

WO K W Last-Harris, RNZ Navy; Gp Capt D W Pawson, RNZAF; Gp Capt P J Hughan, RNZAF; Lt-Col J R McGregor (Territ F), RNZ Inf Regt.

MBE

R T Adams, ltly dir of NZ Wildlife S; B Buick-Constable, serv to disabled; R N Byrne, serv to commty; E A Coates, serv to rowing; Mrs J L Hartley, serv to commty; G S D Heather, serv to loc govt; Mrs M A Hopkins, serv to commty; E P Hoult, serv to educ; G B Hurst, serv to dairy indust and commty; Dr D E Kirk, serv to rugby; S A Lay, serv to sport; C P Macaskill, serv to cricketing; Mrs N MacLean, serv to commty; L A Mahoney, serv to rugby; Mrs R J Matthews, serv to athletics; Miss E C Miller, serv to commty; Parsonage, serv to sport and commty; P A Smith, serv to commty; Dr R H Spitz, serv to Hebrew commty; V M Stonde, serv to drm indust; J H Thorby, serv to loc govt and commty; G L R Tilly, serv to theatre; L D Wright, serv to loc govt.

(Police Division)

Supt P M Faulkner, NZ Police.

(Military Division)

Maj J M M Gunn, RNZ Corps of Tpt; WO D J King, RNZ Inf Regt; WO C C Seatter, RNZAF.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Miss M Dunmore; The Very Rev K Faletoese; Mrs B J Morris; Mrs D R Te Kanawa; B W Woodward.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE ORDER FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

B C Beetham; G J Geering; W N Hawkey, ltly dir-gen and surv-gen Dept of Surv and Land Inf; Mrs D J Holman; D M Holmes; E E Isbey; T P Kelly; D J Moran; M K M Taylor.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

A A Baker; Mrs B Baker; Mrs E L Belt; R G (Peter) Campbell; *B E Dawe; T F Dennis; E E Dunlop;* Mrs M R Gadson; Mrs K R Harris; Mrs T P Higbin; Mrs P S Howden; Mrs M G Hendrick; J P G Lawson; Miss P P Leathem; Mrs E M Lloyd; Miss C McAnnity (Sister Christina); Mrs M G McKewen; D M Mc D V McMahon; Mrs E J Meade; F E T Mitchell; Mrs G H (Kahu) Morrison; H D Mullion; Mrs J E Nicholson; R M S Oliver; R U Patel; R J Perkins; Mrs P J Ruha; C Smith; L A Strong; E T Thaiein; The Rev S N Tola; R Vukaich; C V Wheeler; Mrs J Wilson.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

A S Abernethy; Mrs A H Barham; G D Bell, Dep Stn Rescue Fire Offr; Mrs M P Bergham; Mrs S E Burrage; Miss J M Cairns; J Critchley, ltly ch engr surv and surv of ships; Miss D M Dutton; Mrs N E Ebert; The Rev L A Grosse; G R Hammond; W A Hart; Mrs B E Kelly; J A Lindsay; F Mangnall; B I Maybury; Mrs A M Meadowcroft; Mrs K M Munro; Mrs M O D I Opery; A Peter; Miss N W Queenell; Prof E J Stanley; T T Stapik; R W Swan; C J Taylor; W M Taylor; B P Vertongen; J P Wilson; Mrs H M Wily.

THE QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

W West; D E Hide; B M O'Donnell.

THE QUEEN'S SERVICE MEDAL FOR PUBLIC SERVICES

Sen Con M C Estherton, NZ Police; Sen Con S P Dawson, NZ Police; Sen Con L J Proctor, NZ Police.

THE QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

Insp A M Leitca, NZ Police.

ORDER OF THE BATH

(Military Division)

CB

A V-M P Neville, RNZAF, Ch of Air Staff.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

(Military Division)

CPO K J Cook, RNZ Navy; Staff Sgt M P Shelford, NZ Army; Flt Sgt D W Kelland, RNZ AF.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

England and Wales

K Brown, Asst Ch Const, Lancs Constab; G Bridges, C Supt, Devon and Cornwall Constab; R J Croome, C Insp, Metropolitan Pol; M J Hirst, Ch Const, Leics Constab; A L Hislop, Sgt, W Mids Pol; J C Hoddinott, Dep Ch Const, Hants Constab; J M M Hutton, Dep Asst Commr, Metropolitan Pol; K E Hunter, Cdr, Metropolitan Pol; J R M Constable, Humberside Pol; J F Mewing, Dep Asst Comm, Metropolitan Pol; J T Papple, Supt, Essex Pol; J F Poole, C Supt, Thames Valley Pol; S M Rolls, Det C Supt, Wilts Constab; H F G Reynolds, Asst Ch Const, Gloucs Constab; J E Smedley, C Supt, Notts Constab; F H Stevens, Asst Ch Const, Grevet Constab; G Spalding, C Supt, Beds Pol; F C S Wyer, C Supt, Gwent Constab.

Scotland

P C Marchell, Dep Ch Const, Strathclyde Pol; H I Watson, Asst Ch Const, Lothian and Borders Pol.

Northern Ireland

R G Symington, Supt, R Ulster Constab; M L Crozier, C Insp, R Ulster Constab.

QUEEN'S FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

England and Wales

A Hughes, Div Offr I, Cheshire Fire Sv; J L McMillan, Asst Ch Offr, London Fire and Civ Def Auth; R V Gray, Asst Fire Engr, Merseyside Fire and Civ Def Auth; J A Gentleman, Div Offr I, Wilts Fire Brigade; T A Bailey, Asst Ch Offr, Mid Glam Fire S.

Award coincides with 1,000 th test-tube birth

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The pioneering work of Mr Patrick Steptoe and Professor Robert Edwards in the field of *in vitro* fertilization has been recognized, with both men being created CBEs.

The award co-incides with the 1,000th test-tube baby birth at the *private* infertility clinic they established at Bourn Hall, near Cambridge.

Their contrasting personalities add to the remarkable story of their collaboration, which began 20 years ago.

When they met, *Mr Steptoe* was an NHS consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist at Oldham in Lancashire, where he worked for 27 years until 1978.

Professor Edwards, a research biologist, of Churchill College, Cambridge, had to struggle constantly to obtain grants for his studies into the basic physiology of the process of *fertilization* and reproduction.

As today, their fields of study did not figure on the Medical Research Council's or the Department of Health and Social Security's priority lists for the allocation of resources.

Mr Steptoe was more of an extrovert, a popular speaker at medical meetings and no stranger to controversy. Professor Edwards was a classic example of a don absorbed in his work, and he found the reactions of audiences disappointing when he tried to discuss the implications of research in reproductive biology.

The pair met through the British Fertility Society, of which Mr Steptoe was president. Their co-operation began when Professor Edwards wanted to extend his discoveries from work in fertilizing mice, hamsters and rabbits eggs *in vitro* to human ova.

Mr Steptoe had developed a method of laparoscopy which allowed examination of the ovaries by the insertion of a small tube with a light. That technique was refined to retrieve eggs to be fertilized in the laboratory.

AUSTRALIA

STATE OF QUEENSLAND

KGB

Barnett, Walter John, for services to the community.

CMG

J H Andrews, pub serv.

CBE

C I Barclay, serv to building indust and commty.

OBE

D F McDonald, serv to commty; G S McDonald, serv to mining commty; Rev A R Wilson, serv to ch and commty; R M Wylie, serv to accntg and commty.

MBE

Miss H T Banff, serv to nursing; J G Earl, serv to Nth Qld; Rev S McF James, serv to soil conserv; C W Lanham, serv to ch and commty; M D McNeilly, serv to surf life-saving movement; P R Scott, serv to R Flying Doctor S; N A H Sharp, serv to pharm prof; J D Wall, serv to beef indust and commty.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

I G Harrison, publ serv.

BEM

Mrs M J Hale, serv to commty; Mrs J Hunter, serv to commty; D L Maclean, serv to ex-servmen and women; A A Mackell, serv to commty; Mrs R M Maynard, serv to commty; Mrs I S McConnel, serv to disabled children; Mrs M A Moore, serv to commty; Miss A Palmer, publ serv; Matron C M Pringle, serv to aged; R D R Rea, serv to commty; W H Speedy, serv to commty; L J Storey, serv to commty.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

T P McMahon, Asst Comm of Pol.

TASMANIA

ORDER OF THE BATH

CB

J R Ashton, publ serv.

CBE

E A Rouse, serv to commty.

OBE

P G Crisp, serv to commty.

MBE

Mgr P R Green, serv to ch.

BEM

Mrs K M Cooper, serv to commty; F Hesman, serv to migrant families; Mrs S Kolodziej, serv to commty.

FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE

OVERSEAS TERRITORIES

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Mrs Mary E Banda, dist nurs offr, Gibraltar; Chan Wai-Chan, sen clet offr, dept admin unit, HK; Mrs Joyce Evans, pub hlth nurse, Belize; C Evans, pub hlth nurse, Cayman Is; C Green, progs train offr, fire servs dept, HK; Kwan Kong, supervy grade III, civil aid servs, HK; Mrs Georgette Gezan, sc supervy, Cayman Is; Mrs Ellen Lindsey, serv to agric in Montserrat; Lui Put-ping, serv to instr, nat educ, HK; Mrs Judith Bpr Ng, asst sec to the Postmast Gen, HKTC; A M Turnock, systems engr, elect dept, Gibraltar; Mrs Nan-kai Tsaison offr I, *Asst Med S, HK.*

COLONIAL POLICE AND FIRE SERVICE MEDAL

K Braithwaite, Sen Supt, R HK Pol; Chan Ming-Chi, Sr Sgt, R HK Aux Corp; Koon-kwan, Supt, R HK Aux Pol; Ong Kwok-wai, Sr Sgt, R HK Pol; F J C Dunn, Sen Supt, R HK Pol; G N Frith, Sen Supt, R HK Pol; Lai Yuen-shan, Sen Div Offr, HK Fire Servs; Lam Cho-kin, Station Sgt, HK Pol; Lam Kwok-kuen, Insp, R HK Pol; Lam Pak-lit, Pr Fireman, HK; Leung Chi, Pris Firemen, HK; Fire Servs; Li Shu-fung, C Insp, R HK Pol; Mohd Nawaz, C Sr Sgt, R HK Pol; Rab Nawaz, C Sr Sgt, R HK Pol; P. Ng Kit, Asst Div Offr, HK Fire Servs; J Groves, Sen Supt, R HK Pol; F N Smith, Supt, R HK Pol; E J Stevenson, Sen Supt, R HKK Pol; J H Walker, Sen Supt, R HK Pol; F W J Warren, Dep Commr, Br Virgin Is; Det S/Sgt D M Wright, Gen Dept, R HK Aux P F.

ROYAL VICTORIAN ORDER

GCVO

Grandy, Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir John.

KCVO

Peat, Gerrard Charles.
Webster, Very Rev Alan Brunskill.
Haycod, Harold

CVO

Dr J E Henderson; R Heron; Dr F J Long; D H Maitland; Judge Blackett-Ord; Lt-Col G A A R West; Cp Capt A M Wills; R Winford.

LVO

Lt-Col D C Barter; K L Brown; Miss P L K Clark; Dr F M Crawford; Capt C R Curwen; Lt-Col J Eagles; Miss E M Fisher; Cdr B V C Reeves. *RN;* D E Walker.

MVO

J D Bond; Insp D R Cosben, Met Pol; Miss E M Ferguson; Lt Cdr W B Kirby, RN; Mrs E B Searle; C A S Stanmer; Miss G I Wickham; Mrs L Williams.

ROYAL VICTORIAN MEDAL

(Silver)

R F Bridges; F Sgt J B Buck; W L Day; Cpl C E Dean, Life Gds; D H Farrow; N G Farrow; Ch Tech T M Fry, RAF; Mrs Z C *Hudson; J-M Lautier;* P E Loose; C H Marlow; A Petrie; A G Polhill; J Preston; L C Spong; Loc Act Ch Marine Engr Mech (Elec) J K Turner, RN.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Seeto, Ling James, for services to business and the community.

***ORDER OF SAINT* MICHAEL AND SAINT GEORGE**

CMG

C D Young, MP, polit serv and serv to commty.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Gains, the Right Rev Saimon, publ and commty serv.

CBE

Assoc Prof I H Kevau, serv to med and commty; Mr Just K Los, serv to law and commty.

OBE

W P Kamawi, publ and commty serv; M Moramoro, serv to educ; Asst Pol Commr S Nuakona, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; Asst Pol Commr T Siaisi, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; Mrs M Siaporia, serv to educ *and commty;* J D Vukupindi, publ serv.

MBE

D Abe, publ and commty serv; San Insp S Amos, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; E T Amos, serv to educ; Sister R Grumke, serv to commty; G Iapi, publ serv; Insp K Iopai, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; San Insp S Kepo, serv to R Papua New Guinea Const; S Kopiki, serv to govt and commty; Mrs Mirulye, serv to commty; Supt P C Raschel, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constabulary; Sister M L Rose, serv to educ and commty; Miss A J Shaiwa, serv to commty; T Tenjop, publ serv; San Insp A Tieng, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; A Trawen, publ serv.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

Dr L Sialis, serv to hlth and commty.

BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL

Sgt O Bilhwa, publ serv; K Dabora, publ serv; H Hitolo, public serv; K Iua, serv to polit and commty; P Korope, serv to commty; C F Nogah, serv to commty; K Pep, serv to loc govt and commty; D Raka, publ serv; J E Richards, serv to commty; Sgt W Tamadal, publ serv; A Towa, serv to commty; D Ven, publ serv; K Wale, publ serv; W Wawe, publ serv.

QPM

G Aimu, Asst Commr of Pol, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; P Ashgualia, Asst Commr of Pol, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constab; G Ora, Asst Commr of Pol, serv to R Papua New Guinea Constabulary.

OBE

Lt-Col J P Tuat, serv to Papua New Guinea Defence Force.

BEM

Sgt S Meta, serv to Papua New Guinea Defence Force; Sgt A Miria, serv to Papua New Guinea Defence Force; WO M Urapo serv to Papua New Guinea Defence Force.

SOLOMON ISLANDS

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Tuti, The *Rev* Dudley, serv to thechurch and the community.

OBE

K H Mann, pub serv.

MBE

Fr M Kigo, serv to ch and commty; Miss M Tesimo, serv to med.

BEM

A Hagaiga, serv to ch; W Ninaigo, pub serv; J Ramosaea, serv to commty; Sgt J Tafaka, pub serv.

ST LUCIA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

H J Francois, pub serv

OBE

C O King, serv to med and commty; O E Monplaisir, serv to commty.

MBE

Mrs F J Erisper-Ford, serv to commty; Miss D J Auguste, serv to educ; M Louis, pub serv.

ST VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

KBE

Viera, Philip Henry Veira, for public and philanthropic services.

OBE

J Smith, serv to commty.

MBE

R Cornwall, serv to mus.

BELIZE

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

CBE

R E Ramirez, pub serv.

OBE

Mrs J Cruz, serv to Red Cross.

MBE

Miss G Amanda Edwards, serv to educ; Miss M Usher, serv to sport.

GIBRALTAR

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

GBE

Hassan, Sir Joshua, lately Chief Minister.

DIPLOMATIC SERVICE AND OVERSEAS

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

GCMG

Bridges, Thomas Edward, Baron, lately HM Ambassador, Rome.

KCMG

Alexander, Michael O'Donal Bjarne, United Kingdom Permanent Representative on the North Atlantic Council.
Egerton, Stephen Loftus, HM Ambassador, Riyadh.
Fielding, Leslie, lately Director-General for External Relations, Commission of the European Communities, Brussels.
Mallaby, Christopher Leslie George, HM Ambassador-designate, Bonn.

CMG

M Bryan, HM Amb, Panama City; R L B Cormack, HM Amb, Kinshasa; J M Crosby, ltly Brit High Comm, Belmopan; E T Davies, HM Amb, Hanoi; B C Gane, FCO; D A S Gladstone, Brit High Comm, Colombo; P R M Hinchcliffe, HM Amb, Kuwait; C G Mays, Brit High Comm, Nassau; K E H Morris, HM Consul-Gen, Milan; A J Payne, Brit High Comm, Kingston; J P S Taylor, ltly spec advr for human rights, European Parl, Luxembourg; J M Willson, *Brit High Comm-des,* Lusaka.

KNIGHT BACHELOR

Yang, Mr Justice Ti Liang, Chief Justice-designate, Hong Kong.

KBE

Ford, David Robert, Chief Secretary, Hong Kong.

CBE

F Addison, ltly judge of High Ct, HK; G Barnes, sec, Govt Secretariat, HK; Dr J C Blackwell, Br Ccl rep, Indonesia; C Herzig, ltly dir (ext rels), IAEA, Vienna; P G Moate, serv to Brit commi intrsts in Aust; C W Newton, chm, Mass Transit Railway Corp, HK; P M Piddington, ltly Consllr, jt admin off, HM Emb, Brussels; McW Todman, QC, chm, Publ Serv Comm, Brit Virgin Is.

OBE

R H Alford, Br Ccl rep, Poland; Miss M P Barclay, ltly transl, secretry Gen, EC Comm, Brussels; W N Bodden, publ serv in Cayman Is; Chan S K, publ serv in HK; L Chiu Kung-chun, publ and commty serv in HK; R Chow T-h, serv to film indust in HK; R S Croker, serv to Br commi intrsts in Greece; Dr E M Davis, med and hosp serv to commty in Nigeria; W K Dobson, ltly Br Ccl rep, Hungary; Miss N G M Exeentiis, hon Br Consul, Cagliari; J L D Evans, serv to Br commi intrsts in Singapore; Mrs R Fan H L-t, publ serv in HK; *J N Greenfield,* 1st Sec (Comm), Br High Commn, Port of Spain; R A Groom, serv to Br commty in Brussels; Lt Cdr N J Hawkes, serv to Br commi intrsts in W Germany; A J Hawkes, ltly 1st sec, HM Emb, Islamabad; K Kwok W K, dir, territory devpt, HK; A Mango, ltly exec sec, Int Staff Pensions Brd, UN, New York; I N S Lathom-Sharp, serv to Brit commi in Paris; A W Mears, serv to Brit aviatn intrsts in Italy; J C Morello, Commr of Pol, Gibraltar; N P Parkinson, serv to Brit commi intrsts in Mexico; D W Peterson, serv to Brit commi intrsts in Dubai; W A T Pulsford, Br V-Consul, Yaoundé; G W Reid, ltly Br Ccl rep, Sierra Leone; H I Scales, serv to Br commi intrsts in Czechoslovakia; J A Skuse, Accts Comptr, Account-Gen, Vanuatu; C St G Stenbrook, serv to Br commi intrsts in Belgium; J A Stoney, Commwlth Devel Corp rep, E Caribbean; A Tremain, serv to Br commi intrsts in Poland; D Williams, ltly Asst Secretary (Commu), Br High Commn, Lusaka; B Woodhead, gen mgr, Commwlth Devel Corp Plantns, Solomons Is; Yeung P-K, publ serv in HK.

MBE

Lady Akers-Jones, Ch Commnr, Girl Guides, HK; Mrs B M Blackwell, serv to Br commty in Brussels; Lt Cdr N J E Brickwood, R N (Rtd), serv to yth and commty in HK; J W Chincotta, bd teach, educ dept, Gibraltar; R G S Cole, serv to Br commi intrsts in Tokyo; Mrs J Cooper, nurse and welf serv to commty in Muscat; Miss M E Eaton, nursg and welf serv to commty in Kiribati.
Capt A Fleming, serv to Br intrsts in Oman; A L Fuller, serv to Sports devel in Kenya; J A Furze, commty serv in Cayman Is; S W Garland, Sec for Nat Resrcs, Turks and Caicos Is; Sharman-Cadding, Consul-Gen, HM Emb, Panama City; I V Gomez, prot and tech offr, FWD, Gibraltar; D B Gray, Hon Br Consul, Acapulco; A Gross, serv to RN ex-servmen in Paris; J M Howard, Prin Indust Offr, Trade and Indust Dept, Montserrat; Miss P A V Kerr, welf serv to children in Bangladesh; Mrs S A Klapper de Velasco, nursg and welf serv to commty in Ecuador.
Miss J Lambert, Pte Sec to Gov of Bermuda; Lee Wai-tat, Dep Dir of Govt Supps, HK; P A Lesser, publ serv in Bermuda; Mrs S Lind, Pers Sec, Commi Sect, HM Emb, Stockholm; Miss V McKinney, serv in commty in Br Virgin Is; The Rev J C E Moynihan, serv to educ in Kenya; Mrs S M Metcalfe, serv to Br commty in Brussels; Dr I G Mowat, ltly CMO, Guadalcanal, Solomon Is; C A Page, serv to commty in Mexico City; Miss I M Pentecost, serv to commty in Bermuda; Mrs N Perold, serv to the Br commty in Asuncion; Bro J Phillips, FMS, serv to educ in Cameroon; R Pillai, admin offr, Br Dep High Commn, Madras; Miss H E Platts, welf serv to commty in Calcutta; Mrs J POPE, Cdr, Br Mltry Govt, Berlin; D S Price, 2nd Sec, HM Emb, Warsaw.
Dr W Reed, serv to devel of agric in Hyderabad; E Richards, ltly reg dir, Br Ccl, Cape Town; Miss A Salaiasan, serv asst to HM Consul-Gen, Boston; Mrs M Silva, ltly consular asst, HM Emb, Santiago; N Stead, serv to Brit commi intrsts in Malawi; J H Stuart-Jones, Hon RN Liaison Offr, Br Virgin Is; US Virgin Is; Capt K P Tibbetts, serv to the commty in Cayman Is; Mrs R M J Van der Wildery, serv to Anglo-Netherlands rels; R A B Walkden, serv to RAF ex-servmen in Belgium; Mrs S Walker, serv to Eng lang teaching in Brazilia; P J Watson, serv to Brit commi intrsts in Gabon; C S Widgery, ltly admin offr, aid dept, Br High Commn, Nairobi; C Willey, 2nd Sec, Br High Commn, Nairobi; C A Williams, serv to educ in Jeddo; B J Wills, BEM, ltly Archivst, Br High Commn, Suva; Wong C W, dept sec, City and New Territs Admin, HK; H G Wootton, serv to Br commty in Berlin; Yip K-h, Asst Prin Immig Offr, HK.

IMPERIAL SERVICE ORDER

T H Barma, Commr, Exst Cred Ins Corp, HK; Dr S Chan Chui S-h, sen asst dir, med and hlth dept, HK; R Holmes, dir fire servs, HK; P Sham Pak, dir, R Observy, HK.

BAHAMAS

***ORDER OF THE* BRITISH EMPIRE**

MBE

D Knowles, publ serv; E C Sands, publ serv; D Scott, publ serv; Mrs H L Smith, publ serv; T C Stubbs, serv to educ.

BEM

G L Bethel, publ serv; L O T Brown, publ serv; G E Cash, serv to radio telegraphy; R E Dean, serv to educ; Mrs L Gibbs-Fountain, serv to nurs; M G A McKay, serv to music; Mrs O Mullings, serv to nurs; C Symonette, serv to commty; Mrs E Thompson, serv to commty.

MAURITIUS

KNIGHT BACHELOR

La, Tseng Chi, chairman, Afissia Group.

ORDER OF ST MICHAEL AND ST GEORGE

CMG

D Heeralall, Head of Civil Serv.

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

OBE

I Abdoollah, serv to trade and commty; L Appadoo, publ serv; S Bappoo, polit and commty serv; V S Chan Lam, serv to educ; J C Moorby, serv to educ and commty; J M F Rey, serv to lab and indust rels.

MBE

R Allgoo, serv to trade unions; L M J Carver, publ serv; R Chatharoo, serv to commty; B Hazareesing, serv to philthy; G E Mounrowah, serv to sport; M Ramdenee, social work; P C Roussety, publ serv; P Seeruttun, serv to commty; Mrs I Sohun, serv to commty.

MAURITIUS POLICE MEDAL

Supt M R G Pahayre; Ch Insp J O P Reynord; Band Sgt P R Thomas; PC P Subron.

GRENADA

***ORDER OF THE* BRITISH EMPIRE**

CBE

J A F Watts, publ serv.

OBE

R M Bhola, serv to commty

MBE

C McGuire, serv to commty; A P Hood, serv to educ.

BEM

K S Charles, serv to sport.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

MBE

Mrs E M Swift, Commr of Girl Guides Assn, Antigua and Barbuda.

QUEEN'S POLICE MEDAL

H H Buckley, Asst Commr of Pol; A C Goodwin, CPM, Asst Commr of Pol; H N Greaux, Supt of Pol; J N Joseph, Supt of Pol.

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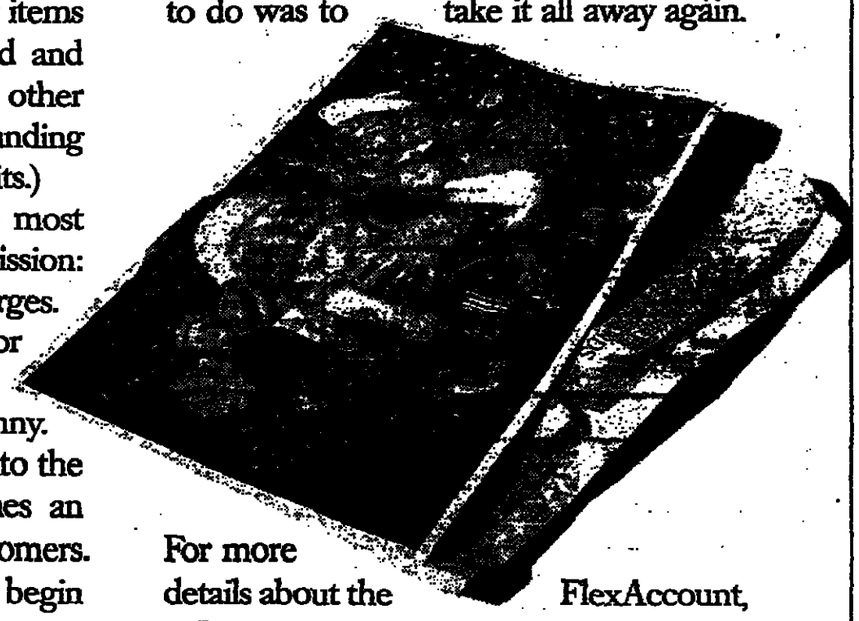
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WORLD ROUNDUP

Ugandan rebel jailed in Kenya

Nairobi (AFP) — Alice Lakwena, the Ugandan rebel priestess who has led an armed crusade against the Kampala Government since January, has been jailed in Kenya for crossing the border illegally, Mr Justus ole Tipis, the Minister of State for Internal Security, said yesterday.

He said that Lakwena, aged 27, was arrested on December 26 with six other people after they crossed at West Pokot, on Kenya's north-western border with Uganda. Lakwena, the leader of a group called the Holy Spirit Movement, was convicted of being in Kenya without valid documents and sentenced at Kapenguria district magistrates' court to four months' jail. She would be repatriated at the end of her term.

Mrs Ford 'stable'



Washington — Mrs Betty Ford, left, the former First Lady, who is recovering from heart surgery, was in a stable condition yesterday after being rushed to hospital from a dinner because of weakness (Michael Binyon writes). Doctors said that Mrs Ford, aged 69, was probably suffering some bleeding from sutures. A month ago she underwent a six-hour coronary artery by-pass operation and was in hospital for three weeks.

Computer ruled out

Seoul — A suggestion that the result of South Korea's recent presidential election may have been "programmed" in advance by computer fraud has been dismissed by the Government, and discounted by a dissident organization which monitored the vote-counting (Gavin Bell writes).

The suspicion was raised by the opposition Party for Peace and Democracy, led by Mr Kim Dae Jung, who came third. The National Council for Democracy found no evidence of an electronically "programmed" victory — while supporting the opposition charges of more conventional fraudulent practices.

Search for asylum

Dubai (Reuter) — Dubai yesterday gave eight desperate Iranians a week to seek asylum elsewhere, and a spokesman for the group said they hoped to find refuge in Turkey. The four men, three women — including one seven months pregnant — and a boy, aged four, arrived at the Gulf emirate's airport on Tuesday after being deported from Yugoslavia, where they were found to be carrying false Canadian visas.

Dubai authorities at first said they would be returned to Iran, where the group say they fear execution. The Turkish Consul-General in Dubai said he had not been contacted over the affair.

US expels Chinese

Washington (AFP) — Two Chinese diplomats have left the United States after the State Department asked China to recall them after activities incompatible with their status. They were reported to have been arrested by the FBI after one of them, said to be an assistant military attaché, received what he thought were classified documents from a US double-agent. A Chinese Embassy spokesman denied the claim.

Jet skids on ice

New York — A Pan American airliner on a flight from London skidded off the end of an icy runway while landing at Detroit on Tuesday night, but none of the 90 people on board was injured.

The Airbus, Flight 55 from Heathrow, was undamaged.

Record of violence

New York — Mr Gene Simmons, an Arkansas man charged with killing 14 members of his family and two other people, was depicted yesterday by police as a wife-beating recluse who had been arrested on incest charges but never prosecuted (Charles Bremner writes).

Supplies for Khost

Islamabad (Reuter) — The Soviet-backed Afghan Government said yesterday that the first supply convoy had arrived in Khost after the rebel siege of the eastern town had been broken. The official Kabul radio said the convoy of 155 vehicles carrying 1,200 tonnes of food and consumer goods arrived from the Paktia provincial capital, Gardez.

Earlier, the Pakistan-based rebels denied reports from Kabul that the siege had been lifted. But Tass reported in Moscow that joint military operations to end the siege were almost completed.

Cypriots see EEC pact as political lever

From Richard Owen
Nicosia

"This agreement is not just about lemons and potatoes," said Mr Nicos Agathocleous, one of Cyprus's most experienced diplomats. "It is political. Cyprus is getting as close to Europe as it can — and this in turn will force Turkey to prove that it too is European."

For many Greek Cypriots celebrating the deal between Cyprus and the EEC which comes into force tomorrow the most "European" thing Ankara could do would be to withdraw its 35,000 troops back to Turkey, together with the 60,000 settlers Nicosia claims have been brought to occupied northern Cyprus from Anatolia. The unity of the island, broken by the Turkish invasion of 1974, would thus be restored.

Mr Agathocleous, who was Cyprus's Ambassador in Brussels for 13 years and now heads the EEC division at the Foreign Ministry here, acknowledges that EEC pressure on Turkey is not likely to work overnight. But the Community relationship with Cyprus envisages a slow process. It involves the dismantling of tariffs over 14 years in two phases, culminating in a customs union.

Cyprus — that is, the Republic of Cyprus (the Turkish republic in the north is not generally internationally recognized) — is the first country to turn its association agreement with the EEC into a customs union, providing for the exchange of almost all goods in industry and agriculture without tariffs, quotas or duties.

The immediate impact on Cyprus, which achieved an economic "miracle" after 1974 by absorbing the 40 per cent of Greek Cypriots displaced by the invasion will be a change in its industrial structure, at present based on small enterprises.

Officials also hope that traditional Cypriot dynamism will respond to the new challenges. There will also be Western aid for a dam in the Troodos Mountains.

But the overriding consideration is the hope that the open wound of partition can be healed over the next decade. Señor Javier Pérez de Cuéllar, the United Nations Secretary-General, is expected to try early in the new year to revive the talks which last petered out in 1985 between President Kyprianou and President Denktash, the Turkish Cypriot leader.

Greek Cypriots have grown tired of gazing across the Green Line in Nicosia to the inaccessible minarets of Turkish Cyprus on the other side. Recent demonstrations by "peace women" who crossed the minefields of no-man's-land to confront Turkish troops, testify to the growing frustration.

Mr Agathocleous hopes the fact that the new agreement is intended by Brussels to benefit "the entire population" will force the Turkish north to be more co-operative (the two sides already share water and electricity). But above all, he hopes that being part of a bigger unit — if not yet a full EEC member — will put the internal squabble between Turkish and Greek Cypriots into perspective.

"The EEC is based on freedom of movement for goods, capital, services and people," said one clothing manufacturer who lost his home and premises in Famagusta, now Turkish-occupied. "It will be a nonsense if one day I can open a shop in Frankfurt or Paris but not 10 miles up the road."

Officials do not disguise the fact that Cyprus's real aim is full membership of the EEC. An application may even be lodged later in 1988.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister, strongly favours Cypriot EEC membership, not least because it would be a blow to Turkey. Ankara put in its own membership application in April this year, despite discouraging noises from the Twelve.

The Turkish view is that Cyprus is vital to Turkish security because it is only 40 miles from the Turkish coast.

Cyprus's decision to opt for Europe stems partly from Britain's EEC membership — more than half of Cyprus's fruit, vegetables, and wine goes to Britain — and partly from a desire to continue post-1974 economic growth (partly due to tourism), by gaining access to the huge EEC market.

There is also a cultural dimension: some officials point out that most Cypriots are Christian and not Muslim and therefore "belong" in Europe, despite being marooned just off Turkey and Syria.

But the driving force is political. The Communist Party, Akel, and to some extent the Socialists object to Cyprus becoming part of the EEC "by the back door" and hence by extension a back-door member of Nato as well.

But although Cyprus makes a point of being on good terms with all sides in the region — except for Turkey — its nonalignment is already something of a polite fiction.

Cyprus's trade with the EEC has steadily increased from 18 per cent of the total in 1981 to 35 per cent.

As for security and defence, the RAF already has two bases on Cyprus, and while these are not Nato facilities they serve, for the West, as military listening posts close to the sensitive trouble spots of the region.

Israel defers decision on Palestinian deportations

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

As Israeli military courts worked overtime to start proceedings against more than 900 Palestinians arrested in the occupied Gaza Strip and West Bank during two weeks of violent disturbances before Christmas, the Cabinet yesterday deferred any decision on deporting people accused of being ringleaders.

Yesterday brought another death from the riots, when a resident of Jabilya Camp in the occupied Gaza Strip succumbed to wounds received during a demonstration there last week.

With "Fata Day", which commemorates the founding of the Palestine Liberation Organization, falling tomorrow, the security forces are bracing themselves for what could be another spate of violence.

The rapid punishment of offenders arrested during the two weeks is meant to be one kind of deterrent. According to army sources, there have now been around 600 files opened in the four days since military court hearings began.

In Gaza, where defence lawyers decided to boycott proceedings from the start, the number of those pleading guilty and being sentenced has been far higher than in the West Bank, where a similar boycott was only agreed on Tuesday evening and was still not fully in operation yesterday. On Tuesday, for example, there were 51 guilty pleas out of 61 cases in Gaza. In Nablus, on the West Bank, there were only three guilty pleas out of 16. In Hebron, all 40 defendants pleaded not guilty. The guilty pleas are being dealt with immediately, whereas hearings producing not-guilty pleas are being adjourned.

Defence lawyers decided not to take part in hearings "because we don't want to be used as fig leaves", according to Mrs Felisia Langer, one of the few Jewish attorneys specializing in Arab cases.

The courts are, however, handing out sentences to the undefended prisoners which are considered by Palestinians to be much more severe than those awarded for comparable offences in the past.

The Cabinet has still to approve any deportations, even though Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, has promised these will be used if they are appropriate. With Jordan and Egypt both refusing to accept anyone ejected by Israel, the only possible alternative is Lebanon.

Mr Shimon Peres, the Foreign Minister, is concerned that deportations would further anger the United States, which has already issued a formal demand that such a policy should not be implemented.

● **CAIRO:** Mr Ahmed Esmat Abdel-Meguid, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, said yesterday that his country viewed statements made in Israel on deporting Palestinians with "utmost concern and deep anxiety" (*Reuter reports*).

A group of Egyptian lawyers supporting the Palestinians burnt an Israeli flag during a noisy but otherwise peaceful demonstration inside the gardens of the Bar Association. Students of the American University in Cairo set fire to an Israeli flag during a non-violent demonstration on their campus.

Camel trains take supplies into rebel territory



Relief workers loading a camel with food destined for the Ethiopian province of Eritrea, where a million people face famine.

Patten hits back in the war of words with Ethiopia over long-term aid

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Christopher Patten, Minister for Overseas Development, yesterday accused the Ethiopian Government of following "Stalinist" agricultural policies and said that its failure to make reforms was holding up aid payments of £270 million from the EEC and the World Bank for long-term development.

His remarks followed criticisms by Mr Kassa Kebede, the Ethiopian Ambassador to United Nations agencies in Geneva, who was quoted as saying: "Some Western governments believe that, by withholding development assistance, they can weaken the Government in Addis Ababa." He said that Britain was among those responsible.

Mr Patten made it clear that British policy was to be generous with famine aid, but to make a common stand with other Western countries in linking development aid to agricultural reform. He said that Britain had given £28 million during 1987 in famine aid and had been the first to help a United Nations airlift to take food to regions stricken by drought.

In March, 1986, the European Community signed an agreement to provide long-term aid worth more than £150 million, of which Britain's share was to be £30 million. Ethiopia agreed, in return, to change policies which remove the incentive for peasant farmers to increase production. One of these is the Ethiopian ban on the use of private-sector transport to move food from surplus regions to those with food shortages.

Sources at the UK Overseas Development Administration said yesterday that, because Ethiopia had not fulfilled this undertaking, it had been unable to take up the development money. A multilateral policy was being applied, in which Britain's role was the same as that of other donor nations. Further development money, offered by the World Bank, had been held up for the same reason.

Mr Patten said on the BBC Radio 4 programme, *Today*: "It is not a question of whether or not it is a Marxist government. It is a question of whether or not it is going to follow Stalinist agricultural policies or sensible agricultural policies. There is over £250 million-worth of long-term assistance on the table, waiting for the Ethiopian Government to carry through the reforms which it pledged to undertake."

The ODA later amended the figure of £250 million to £270 million.

● **ADDIS ABABA:** Ethiopia can only count on food supplies for its drought victims for a further three months, the World Food Programme said yesterday (*Reuter reports*). New promises of aid were urgently needed.

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Soviet wind of change sweeps through world's biggest airline

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Aeroflot, the world's biggest airline and one of the Soviet organizations least affected by reform, is at last feeling the Kremlin's wind of change. From tomorrow, it will be changing its regulations to make it more responsive to its passengers.

The announcement, revolutionary enough in itself for an airline on which passengers have long played a secondary role, was accompanied by a promise that compensation for delays would be paid in future by the airline or airport workers responsible for causing them.

The news has been greeted with both relief and scepticism by Soviet air travellers, who are used to being treated in a cavalier fashion, in spite of the Aeroflot motto: "Speed and comfort". Air terminals often resemble, especially in the winter, refugee transit camps because of the numbers of stranded passengers.

According to *Izvestia*: "Until now relations between passengers and air transport workers have been far from fair. Under existing rules, those who wish to use the services of Aeroflot ... are 'required' to do a lot during their trip. At the same time, aviation workers' answerability to passengers is minimal."

The paper, which has been in the forefront of an official media crusade against Aeroflot's dismal, and often downright dangerous, services, added: "The situation is now changing ... as of January 1, under the new economic conditions ... cash compensation is to be paid to passengers whose departure is delayed by the fault of Aeroflot."

Although no exact figures are given for the size of the Aeroflot fleet, which is considered a military secret, it is estimated at about 2,000 planes making an average of 4,000 scheduled flights daily. It carries more than 100 million passengers a year, with services notoriously poorer on domestic routes.

Izvestia made clear that compensation would cover all those passengers whose flights are delayed by the fault of Aeroflot. "This includes instances where there are not enough seats, faulty information on flight times and routes, unjustifiable delays during passenger registration, baggage check-in or during the activities of special controls," it said.

The paper concluded: "The costs are to be paid by the workers responsible for the delays, as you see, personnel are directly responsible."

Aviation experts predicted at the weekend that the system would create a chaotic new area of bureaucracy.

Queues at Aeroflot offices are already painfully long because the airline lacks the computers necessary to make bookings.

The rudeness of its staff is a byword among Soviet air travellers, who habitually receive worse treatment than foreigners who are given special, if still inadequate, Intourist facilities. Foreign passengers who occasionally stray by mistake into the Soviet section of Moscow's domestic airports are frequently shocked by the scenes of chaos.

Reagan braves the chill



At last in optimistic mood after a year of political setbacks, President Reagan shivers in the cold wind at Los Angeles as he leaves on a new year holiday in Palm Springs.

China's student problem

Western teaching blamed for unrest

From Robert Grieves, Peking

The plight of students who return to China after studying abroad has been highlighted by the sentencing of a former student to two years' prison for allegedly inciting Shanghai demonstrations.

In a one-day trial, Yang Wei, aged 32, was sentenced last week by the Shanghai Intermediate People's Court, which also deprived him of his political rights for one year.

Yang was charged with conducting demagogical propaganda for counter-revolutionary ends. The court said that after he returned to Shanghai in May 1986 from three years' study in the US, he collected information about student unrest in Shanghai and put up reactionary slogans on the campus of Fudan University.

The court also charged Yang with having sent reports on student unrest to the Chinese Alliance for Democracy, an organization founded in New York. According to court evidence, Yang wrote articles for *China Spring*, the alliance's magazine.

Western sources said this week that *China Spring* is funded in part by Taiwan's Nationalist regime and carries articles highly critical of the People's Republic.

The magazine is read by many of the more than 20,000 Chinese students currently studying in the US. Western estimates place the total number of Chinese students studying outside the country at more than 40,000.

Last December and January, student demonstrations in support of American-style democracy took place in 12 cities. Conservative Chinese leaders appeared to believe the demonstrations were caused by the students' exposure to Western influences. During Shanghai's demonstrations, students carried pictures of the Statue of Liberty.

Only about two million students graduate from universities in China each year. As a result, Peking is committed to sending students abroad.

Many highly-qualified Chinese students find it difficult to fit back into Chinese society. There is no sense in applying what you have learned because no one will take your advice, said one graduate student who had gained a business degree in the US.

In the case of Yang, Western observers here said this week that it was not clear if he was trying to help foment demonstrations or if he was an idealist seeking to help make Chinese society more open.

Earlier this month, the US Congress passed an amendment to an appropriations Bill that called for the release of Yang and said that he had broken no laws.

According to a recent article in Shanghai's *Liberation Daily* newspaper, the countries most favoured by Shanghai students were the US, Japan, Australia, Canada, France, Britain and Sweden. The article said that the number of passports issued in Shanghai for self-funded study abroad had increased from 3,000 in 1983 to more than 14,000 by last September.

'Evert's radio' makes waves in state-controlled Athens

From Mario Modiano
Athens

If breaking the state monopoly on radio broadcasting had been the only achievement of his first year as Mayor of Athens, Mr Miltiadis Evert would have largely vindicated his election by 55 per cent of his fellow citizens.

"Athina 984 FM stereo", as the municipal station cheerfully identifies itself, has not only ended the exclusive privilege on broadcasting that Greek governments have shamelessly abused for the past 50 years. It suddenly emerged as the only reliable, open-minded and lively source of radio news and entertainment in this city and beyond: The Mayor says with justifiable pride: "At least one out of two radio listeners now tunes in on '984'. Our net profits from advertising in the first year will be between £2.5 million and £3 million."

"Evert's radio", as the station is referred to, is not only a commercial success. By offering balanced reporting and a plurality of opinion, it exposes the cynical doctoring of news on state radio and television that is so blatantly practised by the present Socialist regime.

The rapid proliferation of local radio stations, prompted by Mr Evert's success, has alarmed the Socialist Government, which is now trying to curb their activities by decree and sometimes by force.

Just before Christmas, a police riot squad under the country's top police general was flown to Salonika where it came to blows with the city's mayor and opposition deputies before it was able to demolish the concrete bunker housing the local station's transmission booster, on the ground that no building licence had been obtained for it.

Mayor Evert, who flew to Salonika in a display of solidarity, refuses to be intimidated. "We won't be gagged," he said. "I would rather go to jail."

Mr Evert is rotund, dynamic and ambitious. Aged 48, he can look back on a successful career as Minister of Finance and of Industry. His single-mindedness won him the nickname "Bulldozer". He is widely tipped as a possible successor to the leadership of New Democracy, the main opposition party. Critics say he is using his new post as a stepping stone to becoming prime minister.

Mr Evert was chosen by his party to challenge the capital's Socialist mayor in a straight political duel at last year's local elections. He defeated him when the traditional Socialist-Communist alliance broke up. "By temperament, I am a politician," he says. "I do not want to be Mayor forever. But I am not transient and I intend to make a success of this job." Yet it is questionable how much success a mayor can expect when the Government holds both the purse strings and the legal authority to tackle the problems that cripple this overpopulated city — its devastating pollution and chaotic traffic.

Mr Evert sees a future for Athens as an international centre for top quality services and tourism — congresses, banking, insurance, and regional company headquarters. "This is the only way to eliminate the dilemma between industry with pollution, or no industry with unemployment," he said.

To achieve this, however, the quality of life must be drastically improved.

"My main hope lies in the fact that our city is bidding for the 1996 Olympic Games to mark the centenary of the first modern Olympiad held in Athens," Mayor Evert said. "This will force the Government to stick to a rigid timetable and complete all the infrastructure that will transform this city into a capital worthy of the name."

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Army seizes power while Transkei Cabinet is on leave

Johannesburg (Reuter) — The Army in the South African tribal homeland of Transkei staged a coup yesterday while the Prime Minister and Cabinet of the two-month-old Government were all out of the territory on Christmas holidays.

"We have taken over," General Bantu Holomisa, aged 32, the head of the armed forces in the impoverished Indian Ocean homeland, said in a brief telephone interview.

It was the second bloodless coup in three months which General Holomisa had masterminded in Transkei, one of 10 homelands set up by South Africa for the country's different tribes and recognized by no one but Pretoria.

General Holomisa, announcing the coup on Transkei radio, declared martial law, banned all political activity and told civil servants to go home quietly until today when a further announcement would be made.

Government officials said that Miss Stella Sigcau — hailed by Pretoria as Africa's first woman Prime Minister when she was appointed in October — and all her Cabinet ministers were away on Christmas leave.

"Everything is quiet here," a government worker said in Umtata, the Transkei capital. "There has been no shooting, no arrests, nothing."

Announcing the coup, General Holomisa accused Miss Sigcau of corruption. The army chief also gave corruption as the reason for staging the September coup to oust Mr George Mantanzima, who had been named in a corruption investigation and is now in exile in South Africa.

Mr Mantanzima's brother Kaizer, the first leader of Transkei, was also implicated in the corruption inquiry and is under house arrest in his tribal village.

Transkei, which has 2.7 million people and was set up 11 years ago for members of the Xhosa tribe, derives more than 80 per cent of its national budget from South Africa, to which it is heavily in debt.

Transkei's military leaders requested Pretoria not to intervene in the coup and gave an assurance that South African nationals in the territory were not in danger, South Africa's Foreign Minister, Mr R.F. "Pik" Botha, said in a statement.

Transkei's other sources of income are remittances from migrant workers and from casinos on its spectacular "Wild Coast", a popular playground for South African whites.

● **Slanging match:** A public slanging match between Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the head of the Anglican Church in southern Africa, and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, has further underlined the disunity among black opponents of the South African Government (Michael Hornsby writes from Johannesburg).

The row began when Archbishop Tutu appealed last weekend for a ceasefire between rival black political factions in the Pietermaritzburg area in Natal, where some 250 blacks have died in internecine warfare this year, most of them in the last few months.

Most of the killings are blamed on ferocious feuding between the United Democratic Front, an alliance of radical anti-apartheid organizations aligned politically with the outlawed African National Congress, and Chief Buthelezi's more conservative Inkatha movement.

Archbishop Tutu described the death toll as "a shocking carnage", and said that unless the fighting was halted to give peace talks a chance, there was a danger that the violence would lead to "a ghastly spiral of unending revenge killings".

In response, the always touchy Chief Buthelezi accused the archbishop of "posturing in the name of peace" and of behaving as if "he himself is whiter than snow and comes to his pedestal untainted with the forces that are doing their damndest to perpetuate violence".

The Zulu leader said that unless Archbishop Tutu, the 1984 Nobel Peace Prize winner, resigned his position as a patron of the UDF and also condemned the violence of the ANC, his role as a peacemaker could not be taken seriously.

Archbishop Tutu returned to the verbal fray yesterday, saying that the "cause of peace will not be advanced if I respond on the same level (as Chief Buthelezi) and get involved in mud-slinging".

He added: "I asked all political leaders to issue an unequivocal and categorical call for the immediate cessation of violence and I won't retract that call no matter how much I may be attacked. We do not know if the ANC is involved (in the Natal violence), but if it is then obviously my call applies to them as much as anyone else involved in the fighting."

As the verbal exchanges continued, yesterday's police unrest bulletin reported four more deaths in black townships around Pietermaritzburg and one in the Chesterville township, near Durban. This brings to 28 the number of people killed in what is believed to have been UDF-Inkatha feuding since just before Christmas.

Johannesburg — South African police yesterday were investigating an apparent escape attempt by Hélène Passtoors, who is serving 10 years for treason in Kroonstad prison, Orange Free State (Michael Hornsby writes).

Passtoors, who has both Belgian and Dutch citizenship, was sentenced in May 1986 for setting up arms caches for the outlawed African National Congress. She is the former wife of Mr Klaas de Jonge, a Dutchman who sought refuge in the Dutch Embassy in Pretoria in July 1985 and spent almost 26 months there before being allowed to leave the country.

An oasis of racial harmony in strife-torn South Africa



A black girl and a white companion enjoying a swim yesterday at the non-segregated Shareworld leisure centre, near the black township of Soweto.

Playing together on Soweto's doorstep

From Michael Hornsby
Johannesburg

Thousands of blacks and a small but growing number of whites have been learning over the past month to play together at a new recreation and education centre on the doorstep of Soweto, the sprawling black satellite city of some two million people on the outskirts of Johannesburg.

The centre, known as Shareworld and opened on November 13, is the brainchild of two businessmen in their thirties, Mr Reuel Khoza, a black, and Mr Jonathan "Jonty" Sandler, a white, who believe that theirs is a new kind of inter-racial venture which is based on genuine partnership.

Mr Khoza, fast talking and dapperly bearded, says with the fervour of a visionary: "What South Africa needs is a spirit of sharing. For too long South Africans have been sectionalized into haves and have-nots along racial lines. We decided to do something practical to change that."

He is a graduate of Lancaster University and the Harvard Business School, and one of the small number of blacks here who have risen to senior management positions in a business world still dominated by whites.

He runs his own marketing and management consultancy, and is on the board of directors of some half-dozen leading companies, including Standard Bank. He persuaded the bank to lend 26 million rand (£7.4 million) of the 28 million rand construction cost of Shareworld.

The centre, which is spread over 84 acres on disused mining land bought from the Government, was built in little more than six months earlier this year. Both Mr Khoza and Mr Sandler are admirers of Disney World in the United States, and have imitated much of its management approach.

The mainly black "hosts" and "hostesses" in their smart uniforms have to observe a strict code on hairstyle and use of make-up, and are directed to say "have a nice day" at regular intervals.

Shareworld's main feature is Sea Splash, an artificial "ocean" with palms, rocks and beaches of real seashore sand. A computer-controlled pumping mechanism generates waves of varying size up to 5ft, which is big enough for surfing.

Other facilities include an elaborate water chute, more than 300 yards of river rapids which are negotiated in rubber tubes, a golf driving range, eight cinemas, shops, restaurants and snack bars and a discothèque that stays open until 4am.

Computer training will be available at the Exploratorium. IBM, which "withdrew" from South Africa last year and now trades here under the name of Information Services Management, is to install a mainframe computer with 120 terminals. Shell and Volkswagen have undertaken to sponsor other educational and sporting activities.

To give blacks a personal stake in Shareworld, two million ordinary shares were offered for sale at 50 cents (about 14p) each. Of these, a million were set aside for black individuals and 200,000 for Shareworld's staff (80 per cent black), with the balance being owned by Recreation International, the controlling company. Apart from Mr Sandler, all members of the company's board of directors are blacks.

Mr Sandler says: "The shares were quickly taken up. We now have about 700 individual black shareholders covering the social range. They had to buy a minimum of 200 shares each."

Before embarking on the share scheme Mr Khoza sounded out various black political groups, from the United Democratic Front, which is aligned politically with the outlawed African National Congress, to the black consciousness-oriented Azanian People's Organization.

The response was favourable. Among those who have bought shares is Dr Nthato Motlana, chairman of the Soweto Civic Association, a leading UDF affiliate. On Shareworld's opening day he was to be found at the driving range taking lessons from Gary Player, the South African golfer.

Shareworld has, however, already run into problems from the black Commercial, Catering and Allied Workers' Union after management decided that there were not enough customers to warrant keeping the centre's fast-food restaurants open at night and laid off 200 of its 800 employees. The union has also complained about "poverty-line" wages.

Although intended primarily to meet the needs of blacks from Soweto and other townships which have almost no recreational facilities, Shareworld was conceived from the outset as being non-racial. "We see it as a microcosm of what South Africa could become in the future," Mr Khoza says.

So far whites have been rather hesistant to come, although the water facilities are increasingly popular. It is likely to take a while longer before many white parents will happily let their teenage daughters loose in a multi-racial discothèque on the borders of Soweto. "For all that, Shareworld is an imaginative idea in a sadly divided society.

Lee closes church office and sends foreign staff home

From M.G.G. Pillai, Kuala Lumpur

Singapore yesterday closed the Christian Conference of Asia offices, the Asian branch of the World Council of Churches, and ordered its five foreign executives to leave the country within a fortnight.

They were, like the regional publications that had their circulations drastically reduced, allegedly involved in domestic politics.

Singapore views any critical look at its Government from the outside, and by its resident foreigners — be they from the press, the churches or anywhere else — as interference.

Conference sources said yesterday that its five foreign executives come from India, Japan, The Philippines, South Korea and Sri Lanka. Many observers are surprised that the Singapore Government has moved against a Protestant group so soon after its confrontation with Roman Catholics.

The authorities have had a running battle with the Roman Catholic Church since 22 young men and women were arrested six months ago for being involved in an alleged Marxist plot to overthrow the Government.

Ten years ago, a similar group was detained for being part of a European communist organization.

This time, liberation theology was the glue that held the dissident group together, according to official statements on the affair. It was an article in connection with this controversy that led to the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, the influential regional weekly from Hong Kong, being ordered this week to cut its weekly circulation from about 9,000 to 500.

The Christian Conference of Asia, which transferred its office from Bangkok to Singapore in 1974, co-ordinates activities in 17 countries ranging from Pakistan to South Korea and New Zealand.

The Singapore Home Ministry said that the organization breached an understanding not to be involved in political activities or allow its funds to be used for them.

The official crackdown on potential sources of opposition to the Government has fuelled speculation that there will be a general election soon. In Singapore, the Westminster system of parliament allows the Government to give short notice of a general election, providing for campaigns over as little as nine days.

The next election will be crucial for the ruling People's Action Party. Public dissent has increased since Mr Lee Kuan Yew, the Prime Minister, stated his intention to step down. His son, Mr Lee Hsien Loong, the Defence and Trade Minister, told a conference in Singapore last month that there was no alternative to the party in providing stability.

The party has always hit back hard at anyone who has shown any electoral credibility. Much of the flexing of opposition muscles, such as it is, has been encouraged by the possibility of a PAP without Mr Lee losing its cohesion. There is no suggestion of that yet.

Local newspapers are not inclined to give space to opposition candidates and parties, so the only sources of information for Singaporeans have been the regional magazines and newspapers such as the *Asian Wall Street Journal*. Now this, *Asia Week* and the *Far Eastern Economic Review*, which tend to report in somewhat greater depth than the local papers, are to all intents and purposes not available to the local reader. They had originally been penalized for refusing to carry in full official responses challenging some stories they had carried.

It would be wrong to assume that Mr Lee's actions do not have the approval of the predominantly Chinese electorate. Firmness in dealing with dissent, while attracting criticism overseas, is lauded by the Chinese community.

Mr Lee and the PAP have read the mood of the electorate carefully, and its love affair with them could continue as long as there is no conceivable opposition — one reason why there is so much official concern that all PAP candidates in a future election are returned.

● **SINGAPORE:** A spokesman for the Christian Conference of Asia yesterday denied that the group had meddled in the country's affairs (AP reports).

The organization was involved in political activities in other countries to the extent that churches in those countries were involved in those politics, he said.

The Home Ministry alleged that the conference had provided covert support for radical activists in Singapore, including Mr Vincent Cheng, a Roman Catholic lay worker held without trial since May as a key figure in the alleged Marxist conspiracy. The ministry also accused the organization of using Singapore as a base to support liberation movements in other Asian countries.

Rawlings 'revolution' marks sixth anniversary

Ghana's memories of starvation fading

From Susan MacDonald, Accra

The Rawlings necklace is almost a thing of the past in Ghana. This was the term given to the protruding collarbone around the necks of starving people during the dark days of 1982 and 1983 when Ghana — potentially one of the richest countries in Africa — slid into economic collapse.

Now, with six years of Flight-Lieutenant Jerry Rawlings's revolution being celebrated tomorrow, it can be said that the country is beginning to haul itself up by the boot-straps and to put its chronically corrupt house in order.

A senior official at the Castle, the seventeenth century Danish fort on the sea where Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings lives and works, says: "You must realize that when we came in there was nothing — not even in the ministries. No accounts, no records of what companies were doing, or the results they obtained. We had to spend the first year just setting the Administration in order and finding out where the money was going and why."

Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings — chairman of the Provisional National Defence Council — seized power in 1979 in order, he said, to stop the economic rot. He handed over to a civilian government under President Hilla Limann that same year, but took power again in a second coup in 1981.

Despite Ghana's mineral and agricultural wealth — including gold, bauxite, cocoa and timber — industry and agriculture were in a shambles. There was no food in the shops, no petrol for those lucky enough to have cars, and roads, railways and other communication systems had broken down.

Ghana was the first black African country to obtain independence, in 1957, but its Pan-African pioneering days under President Nkrumah gave way to coups and counter-coups, and the impoverishment of the country by corrupt politicians and businessmen.

The Rawlings solution was to try to make Ghanaians at every level feel responsible for themselves. They were also responsible to the People's Democratic Committees, which gave way in 1984 to the Committees for the Defence of the Revolution (CDR).

People seen as political or economic opponents of the regime are regularly rounded up and detained indefinitely. Among those held is a local journalist who had just started working as the BBC correspondent here. Crimes against the state, including economic sabotage, are tried by public tribunals which can, and do, impose the death sentence.

Mr P.V. Obeng, chairman of the Committee of Secretaries (the equivalent of Prime Minister) said: "The country was in a state of hunger, helplessness and desperation. In those circumstances we first had to deal with the establishment of an employment, social and economic infrastructure. We could not work on minds until the bread-and-butter matters were taken care of."

In 1983 Ghana went to the International Monetary Fund with a structural reform package. "There was no other way" says Dr Kwesi Botchwey, the Finance Minister. No help was forthcoming from other international institutions.



● When Rawlings, above, came to power there was nothing. There were no accounts, no records. He had to spend the first year just finding out where the money was going, and why ●

This year the World Bank praised Ghana for its courage and regretted that it had not helped ease the debt burden at the time. It asked international donors to do all they could. Ghana's debt servicing will run at around 50 per cent of exports for the next three years.

Both Britain and Canada have taken steps to write off what they are owed, and Ghana hopes that West Germany might soon follow suit. A sign of better times is the fact that trade between Britain and Ghana is increasing steadily. Britain remains Ghana's main trading partner. However according to a British economic report foreign competitors, including France, India and Japan, are gaining ground.

Ghana's efforts are only a beginning. Although there is now food in the shops and a growing number of cars on the road, the issue of high prices and pitifully small wages still has to be tackled. Armed police march into businesses and demand to see company accounts at the point of a gun. Business managers can be arrested for corruption in company affairs and the sentences are stiff.

Numerous state employees have been weeded out. At the Cocoa Board 16,000 were dismissed, while a shake-up at Ghana Airways revealed that a total staff of 2,000 was needed to run one DC-10, one DC-9 and 2 Fokker aircraft.

The CDRs are now firmly entrenched, encouraging individual opposition to discredited organizations and institutions and overruling opposition. "We have trodden on so many toes, including those of the unions and lawyers," said Mrs Doris Ocansey, executive secretary of the CDR.

A National Commission for Democracy has been set up under Judge Daniel Annan, a former High Court and deputy to Flight-Lieutenant Rawlings, to organize "non-political" local government elections for the end of next year, when councillors will supposedly be chosen from outside old-style politics for the first time. Registration for these elections got off to a poor start and the registration lists are being re-opened. "It takes time for people to get over their profound distrust of voting," Judge Annan said.

"When people think of revolutions" Mr Obeng said, "they think naturally of the Eastern bloc, but ours is basically a national movement." The Soviet Union, however, takes 900 university students a year and Cuba offers places to 100 school pupils. Britain offers 100 scholarships a year.

Ghanaians also study at home, although prolonged student strikes this year to protest the threatened imposition of university fees could explode again.

Relations with Libya remain friendly, mainly because, as Mr Obeng put it, "Libya helped us during that first awful year when no-one else would touch us with even the longest barge pole."

Catholic faith put to test as Madrid axes grant

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

The Spanish Government has told the country's Catholic Church that, from the new year, it must start to live in large measure on what the faithful set aside from income tax contributions.

After a three-year trial period, the Church will find itself dependent on what Catholics choose to allocate either through income tax or church donations.

The system will replace the present annual direct government grant to the church authorities. This amounted to 13,350 million pesetas (more than £66 million) this year, spent largely on priests' salaries and church upkeep.

The change is seen as a likely turning point for Spain's most abiding and probably most influential institution, enhancing the role of laity over bishops accustomed to obedience and social prestige.

From the new year, every Spanish taxpayer will have the option of deducting 0.5 per cent of tax contributions to go to the Church or to a series of recognized worthy institutions, such as the Red Cross. If the taxpayer does nothing, the Exchequer will allocate the money to whatever good cause most needs extra funds.

Spain's bishops are worried about how the country's Catholics will respond from 1991, for the Government of Señor Felipe González has promised to make up any shortfall between what taxpayers allocate and the present direct grant during the transitional period.

They realize that it will be a test, in a conventionally Catholic country, of the degree of sympathy the Church enjoys and the extent of anti-clerical sentiment. One bishop said bluntly: "The faithful have for too long been accustomed to the idea that the state pays. They must look to their moral obligations."

In 1985, churchgoers in the Madrid diocese — Spain's biggest with five million inhabitants — contributed two-thirds of the finances.

An opinion poll last year suggested that 54 per cent of Spaniards thought that the State should give no financial assistance to the Church, while 62 per cent felt it should be independent of the state.

In a second poll, only 42 per cent of Spaniards said that they were practising Catholics. Spain trailed behind Italy, Ireland and Portugal in a league table of how important its citizens thought religion was.

In 1979, when the newly democratic Spain replaced the 1953 Concordat with the Vatican, the country's bishops pledged to work for the Church to be completely self-financing. They were, above all, influenced by the desire to distance the Church from previous involvement with the Franco regime. The new system will come into operation five years later than originally foreseen.

It will not, however, improve relations between the Government and the national bishops' conference, now headed by the conservative Cardinal Angel Suquia, the Archbishop of Madrid, who recently said that "to de-Christianize Spain is to leave it invertebrate".

Although Señor Fernando Ledesma, the Justice Minister and a practising Catholic, said last year that the measure would be enacted in the present Parliament, some observers felt it has been decided on now after the Socialist Government bowed to ecclesiastical pressure and changed its ambassador to the Vatican.

So far, Spain's tiny Protestant and Jewish communities have not taken a public stand on whether they wish their members to be allowed to make corresponding tax allocations. After a history of persecution, they are worried about disclosing their beliefs to the authorities.

One man, however, who welcomes the change wholeheartedly is Señor Antoni Bascompte, the treasurer of the Barcelona diocese. Under Cardinal Narcis Jubany, he has been working for 10 years, with the seven other Catalan dioceses, towards a self-financing Church.

This year, 80 per cent of Barcelona diocesan finances came from churchgoers.

A remaining problem is the maintenance of the Church's many fine buildings and art treasures. The Socialist Government has helped fund such upkeep, but much more will have to be done from 1991, perhaps with more imaginative tax relief.

Two killed in Brazil pit protest

Rio de Janeiro — Military police fired on 40,000 demonstrating gold miners near Maraba, killing a pregnant woman and at least one miner (Mac Margolis writes).

The miners had blocked a road and railway line to protest against conditions in the Serra Pelada mine.

When 200 police opened fire many miners panicked and jumped into a river. Twenty people were injured and four are missing.

16 crushed by building

Bombay (Reuter) — At least 16 people were killed when a five-storey building which housed eight families in south Bombay collapsed.

Police said heavy building materials stored on the roof may have caused the cave-in.

Cheese blues

Stockholm (Reuter) — Sweden has banned the sale of three types of Danish cheese, Opus 84, Creme Royal and Blue Moon, after tests showed they contained large amounts of potentially lethal bacteria.

Pope's tour

Copenhagen (Reuter) — The Pope will make a 10-day tour of Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland and Iceland in June 1989, the first papal visit to the region.

Party rebel

Belgrade (AP) — Branko Tuco, who tried to found a new communist party, has been jailed for 60 days for publishing "false reports and upsetting the population".

Aids tests

Springfield, Illinois (AFP) — A law requiring applicants for marriage licences in Louisiana and Illinois to take Aids tests comes into effect tomorrow.

Gems 'theft'

Dar es Salaam (AFP) — An Australian prospector, Peter Pricket, was jailed for 18 months at Moshi for illegally mining green garnets.

Skiing death

Limone Piemonte, Italy (AP) — Jennifer Stirrup, aged 24, from Liverpool, died in a skiing accident.

Short escape

Jakarta (AFP) — Two Australians serving sentences on drugs charges broke out of jail in Bali only to be arrested two hours later in a discothèque.

Crime treaty

Taipei (AP) — Taiwan and South Africa have signed an extradition treaty.

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Will 1988 be a brave new year? How space biomedicine is providing down to earth solutions for mental and physical stress . . .

Medicine out of this world



Scientists studying the effects of prolonged space flight on cosmonauts like the record-breaking Yuri Romanenko (right) are turning up new treatments for the ills we earthlings are prey to. Keith Hindley reports



Pulling their weight in space: cosmonauts are providing information which can be useful to scientists studying osteoporosis

Elderly ladies with wasting bones, businessmen under stress and Aids victims are all likely to benefit from long-term space flights such as the 326-day marathon completed earlier this week by cosmonaut Yuri Romanenko.

Space biomedicine, the study of how man and other life forms learn to cope with the weightlessness of space, is turning out a mass of research results that are giving doctors profound new insights into how the human body works.

Drugs to limit the wasting of bone mass which all cosmonauts experience in space are already being prescribed for women suffering from osteoporosis, an increased brittleness of bones associated with a decrease in calcium. Cosmonauts suffer, too, from a depression of their immune system, the body's defence against bacteria and viruses. Techniques being developed to limit or eliminate this effect will have applications in a number of diseases, especially Aids.

The Russians look at space medicine as an extension of their work on other groups such as submariners and explorers. At the Institute for Biomedical Problems, the Soviet centre for space medicine in Moscow, more than 1,000 scientists have amassed a vast amount of data on both human and animal reactions during long space flights, which may also contribute to our understanding of the mental and physical effects of everyday stress.

In space, crew members live in such close quarters that personal disagreements could be disastrous. So the crews practise conflict reduction and stress limitation, just as any good businessman should. Although there is a formal pecking order in seniority within each two or three-man team, the leader tries to avoid issuing orders. Those directly involved in a decision discuss it and agree a course of action.

The Russians discovered some time ago that the degree of stress a cosmonaut is feeling can be accurately gauged from changes in how he or she pronounces certain vowels. Undoubtedly Romanenko's reported "space row" with ground control before landing will have been carefully recorded for closer analysis. The Russians expect soon to be using the cosmonauts' radio conversations as an instant stress level monitor.

It is the absence of physical stress in orbit which is providing valuable insights into methods of combating bone loss caused by calcium deficiency. In orbit, leg bones and the muscles involved in maintaining posture find themselves under-used. Cosmonauts do not stand at all; they float in a suitable position or tie themselves to equipment they wish to operate. As a result, bones begin to lose calcium and muscles to atrophy. The Russian solution is to exercise. At ground level, research has shown that healthy bones, heart and lungs can be maintained at a high level with as little as three 20-minute exercise sessions each week. In orbit cosmonauts must exercise for two hours each day, either running tied down with elastic to a treadmill or working on a zero gravity exercise machine.

But because so many cosmonauts and astronauts find their exercise programmes tedious, American doctors are working on a drug treatment that will slow or halt the wasting effects. The same treatment can be applied to those subject to osteoporosis — mainly postmenopausal women — with some success.

Psychosomatic symptoms are common. Several cosmonauts have worried about getting toothache; Romanenko suffered two bouts, probably psychosomatic, during one of which he and a colleague almost came to blows after a disagreement.

Doctors are currently trying to pin down the real cause of the depression of the immune system in space flight. "It may be that living in a pretty sterile, closed environment is not challenging the immune system with a barrage of new threats, and so the system powers down," says Dr Juliet Lee, a Briton researching space biomedicine at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich. "Alternatively it could be the sheer stresses of living in a closed environment. Or it may be entirely caused by the consequences of weightlessness." Research in this area will almost certainly lead to methods of beefing up a depressed immune system that could well have applications in many diseases, especially Aids. Dr Lee would like to continue her work in Britain from next summer, but the current lack of research funds here now makes that unlikely.

Cosmonauts become more prone to what are normally curable problems such as fungal infections, inflammation of the gums and the common cold. At the same time, microbiologists have found that many bacteria and organisms thrive in space and multiply up to four times faster. The space medicine programme calls for cosmonauts to use portable medical equipment on each other to gather data. This has produced a whole series of compact items of medical equipment such as electrocardiographs which are now being mass-produced. It means that Russian doctors can take complex equipment to a seriously ill patient instead of risking a move to the local hospital.

Radiation is a major Soviet concern. Once space flight moves beyond the Earth's magnetic field cosmonauts will be exposed to sudden showers of radiation from a solar or cosmic ray storm. Men could be fatally irradiated in a matter of minutes.

The Russians have already developed drug treatments that reduce the damage after an irradiation episode by a factor of one third. These treatments were used on some of the victims of the Chernobyl disaster.

'Research into ways of beefing up depressed immune systems for cosmonauts could have applications for Aids'

Foetal tissue being uniquely sensitive to radiation damage, doctors are having to restrain their curiosity to see how the human reproduction system will respond to weightlessness. The general feeling is that zero gravity will make both the carriage and birth of children much easier, free of the back strain and clumsiness that gravity generates. Russia has orbited two women, America five, and space shuttle astronauts such as Kathy Sullivan have won many plaudits.

In the long term, man will move into space permanently. Generations will be born in space, and that will bring about massive evolutionary changes — Dr Oleg Gazenko, the head of the Institute for Biomedical Problems, believes, for example, that a genetic drive will reduce the size of useless legs.

But it seems that space explorers will still suffer one unpleasant side effect: travel sickness. Space sickness affects about half of astronauts or cosmonauts within a few hours of reaching orbit. It lasts for about three days and can be unpleasant enough to prevent any kind of productive work. It is more of a problem to the American space programme, where space shuttle flights last only a week or two; American doctors are busy looking for a one-pill cure.

The rapid way in which the human body learns to cope with weightlessness has been a surprise. "I am now convinced that man can adapt almost perfectly to a lifelong stay in space," says Dr Gazenko. "But such a person could probably never return to Earth. My main problem now is to prevent cosmonauts adapting too much so that they can safely come home."

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. . . and why the brain 'transplant' may push forward the barriers of medical ethics

A question of judgement

The British medical profession will soon have to make a decision about the ethics of transplanting the neural tissue of aborted foetuses

Last autumn a group of Swedish patients arrived at the Hammersmith Hospital in London. All suffered from Parkinson's disease and were to have the degree of the disability tested by a Positron Emission Topography (PET) scanner, which provides a precise record of what happens inside the brain.

Some days later they returned to Sweden. Soon one of them is likely to make medical history, becoming the first person in the world to have what will popularly be known as a brain transplant, but will in fact be the transfer of specific cells from one human brain to another. Afterwards he or she will return to the Hammersmith for another PET scan, which will determine independently how successful the operation has been and whether it could give new hope to people with Parkinson's disease and other disorders associated with a progressive degeneration of brain cells.

But that surgical breakthrough will also mark the start of an inescapable argument, because the transplanted cells will have been extracted from the brain of an aborted human foetus.

Before the decision was taken to proceed with surgery, the Swedish doctors realized that major moral and ethical issues had to be resolved. Following a nation-wide public debate, all relevant bodies in Sweden are now agreed that foetal transplants for Parkinson's disease are justified, provided that they are carried out within the law; that no whole brains are grafted; that the tissue fragments have been removed from a dead foetus and permission for the transplant has been given by the woman who consented to the abortion in the first place.

There appear to be no immediate plans for similar transplants in Britain. But should surgeons in other countries succeed, our society would have to face the same dilemma: should we allow neural transplants for therapeutic purposes using foetal tissues? Next week in the first programme of a new series, *Horizon* will be addressing this issue.

In Britain, about 110,000 people suffer from Parkinson's disease, a gradual paralysis of the muscles which leads to stiffness, trembling of the limbs and difficulties with simple movements such as walking, writing, talking and even swallowing. Its causes are not known, but the disease occurs when cells in that part of the brain which controls movement stop making the chemical dopamine.

For some years, doctors in various parts of the world have been trying to overcome the decline in dopamine production by other means than drugs. They found that when monkeys with Parkinson-like symptoms were given transplants of foetal brain cells, these linked up with other cells in the brain and began to produce dopamine once more. Within weeks the monkeys stopped trembling and regained full use of their limbs. It was then that some neurologists and surgeons, including a team at Lund University in Sweden, considered the time had come to test the technique on human patients.

The animal experiments had shown that the transplants only succeeded when foetal tissue was used, because grafts did not take if the cells were above a certain age. As far as humans were concerned, the cells had to be taken from an aborted foetus aged between seven and 10 weeks. Foetuses following miscarriages or spontaneous abortions were found to be unsuitable.

Although there is no specific British law covering such operations, most experts here believe that existing legislation — albeit somewhat imprecise — permits them, provided strict guidelines, similar to those accepted in Sweden, are adhered to. Nevertheless, supporters of neural transplants fear that unless we debate this issue publicly, many people will fail to distinguish between foetal transplants and embryo experimentation, and form judgements without knowing all the relevant facts.

Professor C. David Marsden, an eminent neurologist and member of the Parkinson's Disease Society Medical Advisory Panel, argues that

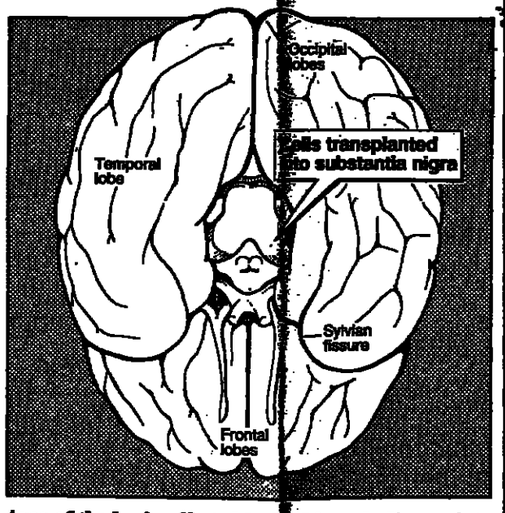


'Moral judgements are not absolute, they are negotiable'

DR JONATHAN MILLER

the majority of people in this country have accepted that "abortion is ethically justified in carefully controlled and legally defined circumstances", and that it is permissible to remove hearts, kidneys and livers from adults who have died suddenly and use them to save those whose own organs have "deteriorated beyond repair".

Therefore, he concludes, "it is justifiable to use dead foetuses for a similar purpose in the case of Parkinson's disease", and adds that most therapeutic abortions are performed seven to 10 weeks after conception, when the foetus is at the right age to provide the brain cells for a successful transplant.



Area of the brain affected by Parkinson's disease into which foetal cells would be transplanted

Foetal brain cell transfer operations could benefit people other than Parkinson's disease sufferers. According to Marsden they could also have "profound implications for many other diseases of the brain", including Alzheimer's, a form of senility caused by an excessive loss of brain cells.

Dr Jonathan Miller, who in 1983 made a film about the life of a Parkinson's sufferer and is now president of the Alzheimer's Disease Society, describes the two disorders as being, to some extent, opposites. Parkinson's disease sufferers retain most of their cognitive faculties and are "incarcerated in a body which refuses to do what we would expect of a body". Alzheimer's disease victims "are people who look like a close relative or a loved one, but have none of the mental repertoire which led you to love them". They have mentally switched off, becoming intransigent and unco-operative.

Miller, who appears on the *Horizon* programme, supports the use of foetal transplants, subject to adequate safeguards which he believes our society will establish. "Moral judgements are not absolute, they are negotiable."

He wants an energetic public debate, to weigh the rights of a foetus against that of a person, because "scientific discoveries alone cannot solve ethical problems. It is up to society to do so". The issue, he says, needs to be discussed philosophically, and society must be "quite clear what it is to make an ethical decision".

He accepts that there is a particular problem about using foetal material as opposed to organs derived from adults, but says that issues "morally solve themselves when confronted by responsible people."

Lady Warnock, Mistress of Girton College, Cambridge, who chaired the Committee of Inquiry into Human Fertilization, also endorses foetal cell transplants for therapeutic purposes, provided that the preceding abortion has been performed legally and the woman has agreed to the transplant.

She too believes that the question must be widely discussed and welcomes the fact that on January 15 the House of Lords will discuss the White Paper on "Human Fertilization and Embryonics — A Framework for Legislation".

Although not specifically concerned with neural transplants, that debate could become the starting point for a much wider discussion of vital importance to hundreds of thousands of people suffering from brain cell damage, many of whom will soon become aware of an operation that could cure them.

They and their relatives must derive some optimism from the stand taken by Miller, who says that any difference between using spare organs of "the recently dead" and "the about to live" should not be a difficult issue "for a morally healthy community, which has got its act together with regard to actual people". And he believes our community to be that.

Andrew Wiseman

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Horizon: The Transplanted Brain will be shown on BBC2 on January 4 at 8.10pm.

The Gaitskell riddle

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Renewed speculation over the circumstances of Hugh Gaitskell's death has increased general interest in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus. For many years there have been suggestions that in his case it might have been brought on by deliberate poisoning designed to rid western democracy of a determined and moderate statesman. His own doctor had expressed his doubts as to the origins of Gaitskell's troubles, doubts caused by his age, sex, and his life in temperate climates — but although 90 per cent of cases of SLE occur in young women, it is also found in any age group, either sex and any part of the world.

SLE is one of the comparatively rare collagen vascular diseases in which there is inflammation of the blood vessels. Any type of blood vessel can be affected, but arterial involvement with subsequent inflammation and occlusion causes most of the damage. As arteries leading to any of the major organs can be affected in the inflammatory process, heart, lung, brain, spleen, kidneys and the gut may all suffer necrosis (tissue death) as a result of the failure of their blood supply. The classic case occurs in a young woman who develops a temperature, enlarged glands, generalized arthritis, a rash across the top of her face, symptoms of pleurisy and signs of kidney disease. In Gaitskell's case heart, lungs, kidneys and the arteries leading to the gut were all affected.

The idea that a poison might have been devised to induce SLE is not entirely far-fetched; although it is normally due to an autoimmune mechanism, it is comparatively frequently seen as a side-effect of taking one of several well-known drugs.

Treatment of severe cases is with steroid therapy; milder cases may be contained by using the non-steroid anti-inflammatory agents such as indomethacin, often combined with anti-malarial drugs. Recovery does occur, but usually long-term treatment is needed and the disease has a death rate of 5 per cent per annum. One factor which should not be overlooked in the Gaitskell case is that SLE is a stress-related disease. It is more likely that his troubles stemmed from anxiety over a disunited Labour party than an assassination plot using mysterious, lethal fungus.

All about gout



Despite the high profile police campaign to combat drinking and driving this Christmas, the wine merchants and supermarkets have again reported bumper sales. In consequence many men, and rather fewer women, will have woken on Boxing Day, or will wake on New Year's Day, puzzled by a suddenly exquisitely painful swollen joint, often in the hand or foot. Alternatively they may have noticed some rather vague rheumatic twinges — but in both cases they may be suffering from gout.

Gout is divided into two types. Primary gout is due to an over-production or an under-excretion of uric acid; it is probably hereditary and little affected by lifestyle.

Secondary gout is a complication of various blood diseases or of psoriasis, or can be induced by fasting, by taking thiazide diuretics, small doses of aspirin and, most commonly of all, alcohol. The classic way to induce an attack is to go without food all day and then have several drinks on an empty stomach.

There are several catches for the unwary doctor in the diagnosis of gout; although in most age groups it is predominantly a disease of men, in the over-seventies it affects more women; and 10 per cent of all cases occur for the first time in the over-sixties. Nearly any joint can be affected and some cases are missed because in a really acute attack, so much uric acid is deposited around the affected joints that the actual blood uric acid may not be increased and a false negative test obtained; tests need to be repeated later after the acute stage. Acute attacks should be treated with indomethacine.

Tree trouble



This year an unusual hazard associated with the Christmas tree has been reported in the *BMJ* by Dr A.W. MacFarlane of the Royal Liverpool Hospital — allergy to the needles, bark and resin of the tree.

A 26-year-old woman developed acute eczema of the hands and face after sharing her Ford Fiesta with a strong smelling tree; later while decorating it she again came in contact with the bark, which was particularly rich in resin. Patch skin testing confirmed her allergy to Christmas tree.

Unfortunately for her, pine extracts are used in the manufacture of many household products including furniture polishes and, rather surprisingly, the adhesive used in making sticking plaster.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford



The Times review of 1987 . . .

A great gale blows, the yuppies scatter

Deus afflavit et dissipati sunt: God blew and they were scattered. The oaks, pines and beeches, the City yuppies and the Wall Street bull marketeers, cruise, Pershing and the SS20s, the Owen-Steel Alliance, Enoch Powell and the Scots Tories, the *News*, the *News* and the *News*, the Test Match spirit and the second-class ticket. Scattered, too — though more by man's blundering or malevolent hand than any act of God — the Enniskillen 11, the Hungerford 16, the King's Cross 31, the Manila 1,500, the Zeebrugge 188, and others too numerous to count. It was a bad year to be an innocent bystander.

As the outdoor and indoor hurricanes subsided, leaving millions of trees horizontal and the paper value of millions of portfolios transformed, we crept out into the cold daylight of a world unmistakeably changed. Often at the end of a year it is difficult not to be oppressed by a sense that the years go round and round and never get anywhere — a jangling merry-go-round, carrying many passengers who are anything but merry. This time, for better or worse, we have surely not come back to the same spot.

The INF agreement — the first measure of agreed disarmament in history — was an event which transcended even the hype of the Ronnie-Mikhail-Nancy-Raissa summit. When Mr Gorbachov departed, venturing the hope that he might be able to woo the Supreme Soviet into approving the treaty, one had to pinch oneself to remember the historic realities of the Communist world. Opinion polls were being taken in Moscow; competing candidates stood in local elections in China; the Polish government mounted a referendum — and lost!

> **'As we crept into the light, we found a world that had changed'**

But a four-year sentence was ungratefully imposed on young Mathias Rust, whose flight to Red Square contributed so greatly to the merriment of nations, and was of such assistance to Mr Gorbachov in giving him a pretext to eliminate his military dead wood. And Russia still kept its troops in Afghanistan, after promising withdrawal throughout the year.

Safer from nuclear disaster, the world moved into greater danger of economic collapse. The share price bubble burst, and the Prime Minister and Chancellor publicly reproved Mr Reagan for his constitutional inability to balance a budget, a weakness which threatened to snatch from them the rewards of years of thrift. Only Japan, by an inscrutable act of corporate levitation, seemed immune from the dismay which infected most of the world. But London had its own measure of good fortune: on that black weekend, the proverbial rash of skyscraper suicides was prevented because today's air-conditioned skyscrapers have sealed windows, while broken yuppies who rushed out to hang themselves from the nearest tree found that all the trees had been blown down.

Fortunately for Thatcherism, election victory was in the bag before the bottom fell out of the market. The Government had at least secured the chief immediate reward of thrift which was at last producing manifest results: a public-spending surplus, a clear fall in unemployment (now sustained for 17 successive months), and rising production and efficiency (manufacturing output being now just back to where it was in 1979). After a dull campaign, where the main rivalry was between promotional agencies out to win fame and fortune and only Mrs Thatcher ever seemed in any doubt about the outcome, destiny was fulfilled. The third term began, the Alliance disintegrated in a chorus of shrill squeals, and Labour went back to the drawing-board. Bryan Gould briefly raised his head from it to observe that the desire to own shares was a natural aspiration of New Socialist Man — but then the stock market collapsed and he ducked down again.

Deprived of anything resembling an effective Opposition, the Government revolved to get down to the Tory revolution — which had largely been overlooked in the excitement over the miners and the GLC. Only the Lords can now stand in the way of Mr Ridley's controversial plans to replace the rates system with a poll tax and Mr Baker's legislation to improve parental involvement in schools and introduce a national core curriculum. Meanwhile teams of highly-paid lawyers were sent ranging round the world to publicize Mr Peter Wright's book, and the BBC was promoted as substitute whipping-boy in place of the vanished GLC. The Prime Minister made it known that after her death any or all of her organs would be made available for transplantation, a proposal which cast a new light on her earlier promise to "go on . . . and on . . . and on".

> **'A rough time for sport, both in Pakistan and in London'**

After standing aside with equanimity for seven years while the slaughter in the Iran-Iraq war rose past a million, the great powers suddenly noticed the conflict. An attack from an Iraqi fighter on the USS Stark naturally provoked the whole US nation to a frenzy of rage against Iran. Russia is on the same side as the US in the Gulf, though no-one can quite say so, and complex international deployments followed, with a view to singeing the Ayatollah's beard. These activities provided the ironic background to televised hearings in Washington investigating secret sales of arms to the Great Enemy, the simple loyalties of Colonel North and the papers hidden in Miss Fawn Hall's blouse.

Terry Waite went back to Lebanon in an attempt to release more hostages, and became a hostage himself. Rudolf Hess gave his guards the slip at last. Gareth Bennett stepped unawares into a fierce ecclesiastical power-struggle, and was destroyed. Two hundred children in Cleveland found themselves unsure just whom they could trust. Michael Ryan, legally in possession of five guns, went for a walk in Hungerford shooting at anyone he saw (and induced a succession of impressionable people to adopt the same method of working off their frustrations in the following weeks). The terrorists in Ulster, after devoting much of the year rather constructively to killing one another, planted a bomb on Remembrance Day which killed 11 non-combatants, including the 20-year-old nurse Marie Wilson: the exemplary natural eloquence of her father's account of her death will not be easy to forget.

Images of claustrophobia: in the smoke-filled tunnels of King's Cross underground station, passengers fled into the flames as they sought to escape to the surface. Northern Line trains still run through the damaged station without stopping, and a hush falls in every carriage as the platform glides by. In the North Sea, more that 500 passengers and crew struggled in the black and topsy-turvy passageways of the capsized Zeebrugge ferry — one man making a bridge of himself so that others could clamber across an echoing void. If the Herald of Free Enterprise (the delicacy of our times is such that not one politician made play with the potent symbolism of its name) had run a few yards further, it would have sunk in deep water and hardly anyone would have escaped. Nobody responsible had been able to see that the bow doors were still wide open; no-one who could see was responsible.

Famine, locusts, Aids and gunfire continued to lay waste much of Africa. There was no gleam of an intermission in the endless South African struggle for power between black and white, and black and black. In Uganda, a girl of 27 called Alice Lakwena inspired an uprising against the best government that unhappy country has had for years. She must have possessed the persuasive powers of a Joan of Arc, for her followers marched into battle convinced that if they smeared their bodies with butter-oil they would be invulnerable. They were shot down in thousands before the rebellion was broken. The prophetess was variously reported to have escaped on a bicycle, or on a raft of bamboo stems.

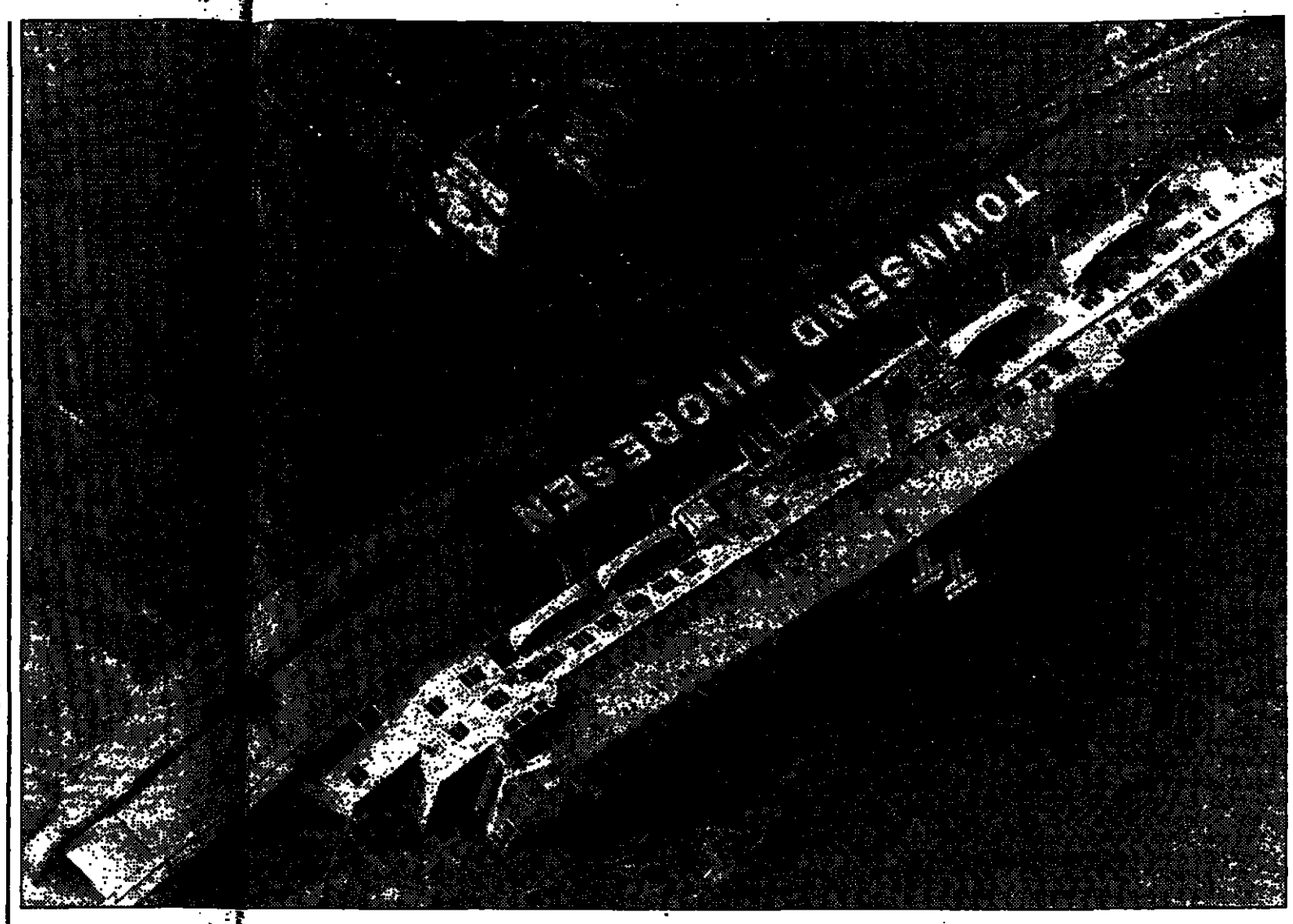
The forces of mediation in sport had a rough time during the year, both in Pakistan and in London, where Bobby Frankham missed his opponent but landed two solid ones on the referee. Lester Piggott carried his constitutional taciturnity to a point £3m outside the law. But it was a vintage year for golf, with Nick Faldo winning the British Open and the European Ryder Cup team retaining the cup on their opponents' home ground for the first time. Dennis Conner, the only man in history to lose the America's Cup, became the only man in history to win it back.

The most topical play of the season was *Serious Money*, a huge success among the very classes it set out to flay. West End hit of the year was Jeffrey Archer's *Beyond Reasonable Doubt*, for forensic reasons. At the National Theatre, Judi Dench provided the definitive Shakespearean Cleopatra of our time, in a worthy production. Death broke up the Amadeus Quartet after 40 years. The Official Monster Raving Loony Party, which had enjoyed an unbroken 20-year run of failure in contesting elections throughout Britain, won its first seat, on the town council of Ashburton, in Devon. Breaking all his election promises as quickly as any conventional politician, the candidate announced that he would take his duties seriously.

It was the year of three Lord Chancellors; the year of the fragrant wife; the year Lord Avebury offered a legacy to the Battersea Dogs' Home on condition that they fed him posthumously to the inmates. Miniskirts reappeared, inspiring mortifying reflections in many (but not all) of those who had had the figures to flaunt them before their scandalized elders 20 years ago. The death of The Wali of Swat, and the subsequent obituary in *The Times*, prompted a flurry of inquiries reminiscent of Edward Lear's "who or why or which or what, is the Akhund of Swat?"

In October's hurricane, one of the millions of overthrown trees damaged the Syon Park Butterfly Centre, and released scores of tropical butterflies to flutter surrealistically through that wild night. The world-wide loss of wealth which occurred almost simultaneously in the stock market crash was, according to some estimates, no less than a trillion pounds (it is worth spreading that figure out to get the full benefit of the width: £1,000,000,000,000). Where had that stupendous amount of theoretical value, written off share prices around the globe, actually departed to? It was difficult not to envisage it fluttering around in the form of notes and bills along with a cloud of iridescent butterflies, in some fourth dimension at the end of the wind.

George Hill



Into the depths of despair: 188 people perished on March 7 when the ferry Herald of Free Enterprise capsized while leaving the harbour at Zeebrugge

JANUARY

At home — Jan 25: Special Branch search home of Duncan Campbell, author of *New Statesman* article which disclosed existence of "Zircon" spy satellite.

Abroad 1: 96 die, 140 injured in Puerto Rico's Dupont Plaza hotel. **4:** 14 killed, 177 injured when train crashes at Baltimore.

People 5: Lord Stockton buried. **18:** Chief Constable of Manchester, James Anderton, says he believes God might be using him as a prophet.

Crime 13: Sexually obsessed youth Colin Talent who attacked and murdered Tessa Howden, aged 20, in her bed while



Missing: Waite

her parents slept sentenced to life. **21:** Church envoy Terry Waite goes missing in Beirut after leaving his hotel to meet the captors of foreign hostages.

Royals 12: Prince Edward leaves Royal Marines. **15:** Prince William's nanny, Barbara Barnes, quits.

Weather 12: London's coldest day since records began in 1940 at -4.7C. Towns and villages cut off by snow. Water supplies threatened. Thaw brings widespread flooding.

Sport 15: England lose final Test against Australia.

Anniversaries 24: One year after removal of News International papers to Wapping, 162 police officers injured as crowd of 12,000 march to plant.

Entertainment 7: Former BBC director-general Sir Ian Trethowan becomes chairman of Thames TV; current director-general Alasdair Milne resigns.

FEBRUARY

At home — Feb 17: 58 protesting Tamils strip to their underwear at Heathrow. **28:** Archbishop of Canterbury ordains 15 women as deacons. **27:** Rosie Barnes SDP/Liberal Alliance candidate captures Greenwich.

Abroad 10: Kremlin releases 140 dissidents. **15:** Refugees let out of besieged Beirut camps to buy food as 15-week siege ends. **15:** Dissident Iosif Begun released from Soviet prison. **25:** At Jerusalem war trial a Treblinka death camp survivor identifies Mr John Demjanjuk as "Ivan", the camp executioner. **26:** Tower report says President Reagan failed to control Iran arms deals but did not deliberately lie.

People 9: Inner London Education Authority leader Frances Morrell spends £1,350 rescuing GLC "family silver" from auction. **14:** Mark Thatcher weds daughter of Texan millionaire.

Crime 2: Gang sentenced for raping a virgin and making prebendary Michael Saward watch. Nine animal rights terrorists goaled for total of 37 years for bombings. **11:** South London party-giver Cynthia Payne acquitted of nine charges of controlling prostitutes.

Royals 12: Duchess of York presented with her private pilot's licence.

Sport 4: Three top American oarsmen and coxswain dropped by Oxford for failing to appear for training. **8:** British swimmer Adrian Moorhouse shatters 60-second barrier in 100-metre breaststroke race. **22:** Lloyd Honeyghan retains world welterweight boxing title.

Business 5: Print unions end year-long war on News International Wapping plant at prospect of fines and sequestration. **19:** Leyland-DAF merger is approved with loss of 2,300 jobs. **24:** Robert Maxwell's *London Daily News* launched.

MARCH



Winning: Haughey

At home — March 2: Education Secretary Kenneth Baker to impose settlement of the two-year-old teachers' pay dispute. **7:** 188 die as ferry Herald of Free Enterprise sinks off Zeebrugge.

Abroad 1: Five die in ski-lift plunge in French Pyrenees. **10:** Vatican rules against test-tube baby methods of overcoming infertility. New South Wales Supreme Court dismisses British Government's attempt to stop publication of Peter Wright's memoirs.

People 14: Charles Haughey elected Taoiseach of Irish Republic by casting vote of Dail chairman; Dr Garrett FitzGerald resigns as leader of Irish Republic's Fine Gael party.

Crime 11: Mafia drugs gang sentenced to total 97 years jail in London. **19:** Winston Silcott and two others gaoled for life for murder of PC Keith Blakelock during 1985 Tottenham Riots. **26:** John Fleming, wanted in connection with Brink's-Mat robbery, deported from Miami.

Royals 3: Duchess of York rides 1981 Grand National winner Aldaniti to raise £1,000 for cancer research.

Weather 9: Snow falls in Athens. 100mph winds in England and Wales.

Sport 29: Sandy Lyle becomes first non-American to win Tournament players championship in Florida.

Science and medicine 12: Go-ahead given for Sizewell B reactor. **16:** Court of Appeal orders girl of 17 with mental age of five should be sterilized.

Arts 30: Van Gogh's "Sunflowers" auctioned in London for £22.5 million.

Politics 4: Reagan accepts full responsibility for diversion of funds to Contras. **28:** Neil Kinnock meets Reagan in Washington. **30:** Mrs Thatcher in Moscow with Gorbachov.

APRIL



Returning: Cutting

At home — April 3: Wilberforce, 10 Downing Street moggy, retires from mouse chasing having served four Prime Ministers. **24:** Three French trawlermen killed as their vessel collides with British cross-channel ferry.

Abroad 1: Police fire on 600,000 crowd as Pope celebrates Mass of Reconciliation in Santiago, Chile. **21:** Bomb kills 108 in bus station in Colombo; earlier 120 bus passengers massacred in Sri Lanka by Tamil militants. **22:** Six blacks shot dead in South Africa. **27:** President Kurt Waldheim of Austria forbidden entry to USA, because of his alleged Second World War activities.

People 1: Tory MP Keith Best admits making multiple applications for 4,800 British Telecom shares. **16:** Dr Pauline Cutting and nurse Susan Wrighton arrive home after enduring five months of starvation working in besieged Beirut Palestinian refugee camp. **29:** Robert Maxwell, British engineer, freed after serving half of 12-year industrial espionage sentence in Libya, returns home after wife's plea to Gadaffi. **30:** QE2 has teething troubles on first day out after £100 million refit.

Crime 1: John Palmer, jeweller accused of playing key part in £26 million Brink's Mat robbery, acquitted. **2:** Moors murderer Myra Hindley confesses to five killings. **25:** Lord Justice Gibson and wife, Cecily, murdered by IRA car bomb at Ulster border.

Royals 2: In Geneva Duchess of Windsor's jewels fetch £31 million for Pasteur Institute. **5:** Newspapers reveal some of Queen's Bowes-Lyons cousins have been in a Surrey mental home since 1941. **7:** Prince of Wales breaks camp after five days in Kalahari Desert. Princess shakes hands with Aids victim at Middlesex Hospital unit.

Sport 5: Veteran horse owner Jim Joel, aged 92, wins Grand National. **6:** Alex Higgins fined £2,000, banned for six months play, over series of snooker offences.

Medicine 22: Mrs Mary Wright gives birth to another twin daughter, first baby born 18 months previously using test-tube technology.

Politics 14: Reagan invites Gorbachov to third summit in Washington.

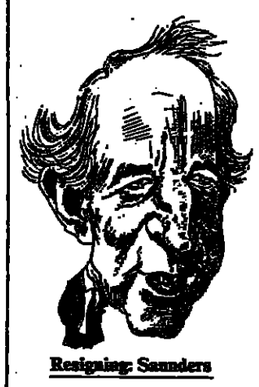
MAY

Abroad — May 5: Half a million blacks in protest at South Africa's all-white general election. National Party increases majority. **8:** Gary Hart quits US presidential race after denying report he slept with actress Donna Rice. **9:** 183 die as Polish jet crashes outside Warsaw. **29:** West German Mathias Rust, 19, lands light aircraft in Red Square. **17:** 37 crew die as American frigate USS Stark hit by Iraqi Exocet in Gulf.

Crime 8: Eight Provisional IRA terrorists shot dead in Ulster. **10:** 46 Sikhs arrested and four taken to hospital after fighting at elections at temple in Kent. **11:** Klaus Barbie, "Butcher of Lyons", stands trial in Lyons. **15:** Nigel Hall, 24, gaoled for life for torturing to death step-daughter Kimberley.

Royals 5: Prince Charles compares £52 million microchip factory he opens in Devon to Victorian prison. **7:** Duchess of York takes controls of Bulldog aircraft to loop the loop over Lincoln Cathedral.

Sport 17: Coventry Cathedral choir burst into morning service FA Cup Final song as city welcomes 3-2 win over Tottenham Hotspur. Nick Faldo wins Spanish Open. **25:** Cricket spectator has throat cut by missile in clashes between England v Pakistan supporters at Edgbaston. England win match by one wicket.



Resigning: Saunders

Anniversaries 28: Queen pledges Britain's commitment to Berlin at city's 750th celebrations.

Medicine 11: Longest surviving heart transplant patient (18 years) M. Emmanuel Vitriadles dies in Marseilles. **14:** Live donors give their hearts and receive new heart and lungs in first such British transplant operation.

Business 26: Ernest Saunders resigns as Guinness director and accuses former colleagues of making him a scapegoat.

Arts 22: £2.5 million paid at London auction for scruffy Mozart manuscript. **29:** Tiny painting of Norfolk landscape by the Prince of Wales entered under pseudonym at RA Summer Exhibition.

Politics 5: Frances Morrell ousted as Ilea leader. **6:** Secret inquiry clears MI5 of plot to bring down Wilson government. **7:** Labour fail to win local election breakthrough but take back Liverpool City Council from Alliance. **11:** Mrs Thatcher confirms General Election date of June 11. **24:** Kinnock under attack for suggesting nuclear free Labour government would hope to deter Soviets with a resistance movement. Tories 12 points ahead in the opinion polls. **29:** First signs of tension appear between Liberals and SDP Alliance after disappointing start to campaign. **31:** Polls suggest another Tory landslide.

JUNE



Triumphing: Thatcher

At home — June 3: Militant Tendency wins control of Civil and Public Services Association. **18:** Unemployment falls below three million. **23:** Parents force inquiry into child abuse controversy in South Tees Health Authority.

Abroad 2: 32 die in Sri Lanka massacre of Buddhist priests. India sends mercy boats to Jaffna, which are turned back, and later drops airborne relief supplies. **4:** Britain closes Iranian consulate in Manchester, expels five diplomats and recalls 10 Teheran-based envoys. **8:** Pope in Poland. **21:** Soviet electors vote in first local government elections for decades.

People 7: Deposed Fijian Prime Minister Dr Timoci Bavadra fails to win support from the Queen. **25:** Pope receives Austrian President Kurt Waldheim.

Crime 2: Multiple rapist Shaun Francis given 13 years youth custody. **2:** Dingo baby case Mrs Lindy Chamberlain cleared in Australia. **4:** Four former public schoolboys employed by Queen's grocers Fortnum & Mason dismissed after allegedly drinking their way through £62,500 of fine wines. **16:** New York subway vigilante Bernhard Goetz found not guilty of trying to murder four suspected muggers. **19:** 15 killed by ETA bomb in Barcelona. **25:** John Fleming, wanted for questioning about the Brink's-Mat bullion robbery, freed by a London magistrate.

Royals 12: Queen creates Princess Anne the Princess Royal. **15:** Grumpy Prince Edward storms out of press conference after organizing royal *It's a Knockout*.

Weather 17: Britain suffers wettest summer for 25 years.

Sport 18: Bill Athey hits maiden Test century against Pakistan at Lords. **19:** Gay Kelleway becomes first woman jockey to win race at Royal Ascot. **28:** At Wimbledon singles champion Boris Becker is defeated by Australian Peter Doohan.

Medicine 22: Anonymous offer of financial aid for people in Opren drug damage case.

Business 3: *Sunday Today*, launched 15 months ago by Eddy Shah, closes.

Arts 9: Rainsoaked opera lovers watch Placido Domingo in Covent Garden piazza during electronic transmission from Royal Opera House performance.

Politics 11: Mrs Thatcher clinches historic third term with Conservative majority of 101 to surprise of PM herself. Conservatives keep only 10 seats in Scotland, losses in Northern cities graphically illustrate North/South divide. Enoch Powell defeated after 37 years in Commons. Alliance lose key people as relations between the two parties sink to new low. **26:** Denis Healey bows out of frontline politics after 28 years in Labour and Shadow cabinets.



Partying: Payne

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. . . disaster and disarmament



Onward and upward: on December 8 Mikhail Gorbachov and Ronald Reagan showed the way forward towards a more peaceful world by signing the agreement on nuclear disarmament

JULY

At home — July 12: Memoirs of ex-MI5 Peter Wright go on sale in US. **24:** Kenneth Baker unveils national tests in English, Maths and Science. **24:** At Zeebrugge ferry disaster inquiry Townsend Thoresen's management is described as "infected with the disease of sloppiness". **30:** Six Cleveland children wrongly diagnosed as victims of sexual abuse are reunited with their parents. Blanket ban on publication of *Spycatcher*. **31:** Britain refuses US request to send minesweepers to Gulf but later changes its mind.

Abroad 7: Sikh gunmen kill 73 Hindus in north India and security forces put on alert. Four die as petrol tanker hits ice-cream restaurant in West Germany. **8:** For second time in two days two jumbo jets narrowly miss colliding over the Atlantic. **14:** 72 killed, 250 hurt by bombs in Pakistan. **17:** France severs relations with Iran, prevents 13 Iranians leaving the country and puts 24-hour guard on their embassy where a suspended terrorist is holed up. **20:** In unprecedented display of big power solidarity UN Security Council tells Iran and Iraq to implement ceasefire or face prospect of international arms embargo. **21:** American flag hoisted on two Kuwaiti tankers in Gulf. **22:** Soviet leaders offer to dismantle all medium and short-range missiles in Asian part of USSR. **24:** US supertanker Bridgeton holed by mine as Iran's Speaker announces policy of retaliation in Gulf War.

People 7: Ken Livingstone's maiden speech in Commons ends in uproar as he accuses Tories of alleged MI5 role in Ulster killings. In dramatic television testimony Lt Col Oliver North says he never personally discussed aid for Contras with Reagan. **11:** Baby Matej Gaspav of Yugoslavia proclaimed world's five billionth inhabitant. **24:** Jeffrey Archer awarded £500,000 against *The Star* over allegations he had paid a prostitute. **30:** Ex-Labour PM James Callaghan made life peer. **30:** Cancerous skin removed from Reagan's nose.



Denying: North

Crime 1: Body of Pauline Reade found on Saddleworth Moor. Ian Brady confesses to her murder and with police visits moor to search for body of another victim, Keith Bennett. **3:** Klaus Barbie, "Butcher of Lyons", given life sentence. **9:** Two armed robbers shot dead by police during attack on wages van in south London. **13:** Armed robbers posing as businessmen raid Knightsbridge safe deposit centre and steal £12 million. **15:** Three Metropolitan PCs found guilty of unprovoked attack on five north London schoolboys. **18:** In central London attempted assassination of prominent anti-Khomeni exile, Mr Amir-Hussein Amir Parviz, by bomb placed under his car. **29:** Chernobyl executives sentenced to hard labour for criminal negligence. **30:** Life imprisonment for Sheffield solicitor Ian Wood who murdered his pregnant mistress.

Royals 14: King Hassan of Morocco is this time on time to meet Queen at Victoria Station at start of state visit. **24:** Duke and Duchess of York begin trip to Canada. **30:** Queen travels on Docklands Light Railway.

Weather 12: After wettest June on record 100,000 people without water during mini-heatwave. **26:** Heatwave kills 1,017 in Greece. **14:** 23 die, 21 missing in French campsite floods. **19:** 14 killed in Italian landslides.

Sport 5: Australia's Pat Cash defeats Ivan Lendl in Wimbledon final. Martina Navratilova takes women's title. **19:** Nick Faldo wins Open at Muirfield.

Business 16: British Airways bids for British Caledonian. **24:** Robert Maxwell closes *London Daily News*. **29:** Channel Tunnel Treaty ratified.

Arts 2: Elizabeth Esteve-Coll succeeds Sir Roy Strong as director at V&A.

Politics 8: New Labour Shadow Cabinet ousts Peter Shore. **16:** Mrs Thatcher gives clear impression she intends to fight next General Election.

AUGUST



Resigning: Owen

At home — Aug 12: Seven hurt when train hits station buffet at Walton on the Naze, Essex. **27:** Heads warn Kenneth Baker of possible teachers' revolt against national curriculum and "opting out". **23:** Greenpeace activists arrested after storming West German incinerator ship off Scarborough.

Abroad 2: Rioting at Mecca, more than 400 pilgrims die. Thirteen tourists, five British, injured in terrorist bombings in Tunisia. **14:** 83 black miners injured, 84 arrested, in South African mining violence. **16:** 154 die, sole survivor girl aged four, as airliner crashes at Detroit. **27:** Philippines troops attack presidential palace, killing 50, wounding 275. **31:** 83 passengers killed as Thai Airways Boeing 737 spirals into sea. Explosion at St Helena mine, South Africa, leaves 62 dead and others entombed.

People 12: Reagan accepts responsibility for Irangate but says he had not been told about Contra funds. **15:** British Captain Gerry Blackburn and five of his Indian crew killed by a mine in Gulf. **17:** Rudolf Hess commits suicide at Spandau Prison. **17:** Four British minesweepers sail for Gulf. **18:** Journalist Charles Glass escapes kidnappers in Beirut.

Crime 10: Life Guards Captain Simon Hayward gaoled for five years in Sweden for smuggling hashish. **14:** Home Secretary Douglas Hurd orders police investigation into convictions over Guildford public house bombings 13 years ago. **17:** Scotland Yard raid Hull flat and seize huge cache of Arab terrorist arms and explosives. **19:** Michael Ryan shoots himself after killing 15 and wounding 16 in Hungerford.

Royals 5: Squatters unsuccessfully plead with Prince Charles to stay in Duchy of Cornwall flat.

Sport 11: Pakistan wins Test series at Oval. **23:** Former Formula One French racing driver Didier Peroni and two others die in powerboat accident in Solent. **30:** Britain's Lloyd Honeyghan knocks out Gene Hatcher to retain his two world welterweight titles in Spain.

Medicine 15: Sextuplets born in Liverpool to Richard and Sue Halton. Last baby dies 16 days later amid controversy over fertility drugs.

Business 5: British Zircon spy satellite abandoned at cost of £70 million. **31:** Norman Hartnell couture house saved from financial collapse.

Politics 6: David Owen resigns as SDP leader after it defies his wishes and votes for merger with Liberal Party. **7:** Five Central American presidents sign peace accord. **29:** Robert Maclennan appointed new SDP leader.

SEPTEMBER



Celebrating: Whitbread

At home — Sept 9: Four killed, 74 injured as van U-turns on M4 near Heathrow. **28:** Four Royal Navy minesweepers dispatched to Gulf on their first mine-clearing operation.

28: Lord Denning, 88, former Master of the Rolls, makes his first advocacy appearance before a magistrates' bench in 60 years.

Abroad 7: Erich Honecker, East German leader, and Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, pledge "war must not start again on German soil". **18:** Reagan announces summit in Washington on treaty to eliminate intermediate-range nuclear weapons.

People 2: Mathias Rust, teenage pilot from West Germany, sentenced to four years in labour camp for his flight into Red Square. **7:** Soviet Union's best known refusenik Iosif Begun told he and his family may emigrate to Israel. **10:** Pope arrives in Miami. **14:** Wali Miangul Jahan Zeb, the last Wali of Swat, on Pakistan's north-west frontier, dies.

Crime 25: Liverpool soccer fans face first appointment with Belgian justice on manslaughter charges arising from Heysel riot.

Royals 3: Princess Royal rides her first National Hunt winner in Droitwich Handicap Chase. **15:** Prince Harry leaves first day at school carrying home-made pair of binoculars. **25:** Queen's future as monarch of Fiji questioned after second bloodless coup there this year and former Premier is again detained. **30:** Newbury magistrates defend decision not to ban Captain Mark Phillips for speeding.

Weather 3: 625 die, 24 million made homeless in Bangladesh floods. **27:** 42 children die and 137 feared dead in Colombian avalanche.

Sport 6: Javelin contestant Fatima Whitbread *takes a/w* claims Britain's only gold medal of world athletics championships in Rome. Bizarre football results as part-timers Merthyr Tydfil beat Italian 2nd division Atalanta 2-1 in a European Cup Winners' Cup first round tie. **27:** Great Britain and Europe's golfers retain Ryder Cup. **29:** John Foulston, 40, owner of Brands Hatch killed at Silverstone.

Medicine 9: Derbyshire grandmother Kathleen Campbell, 55, gives birth to boy, becoming Britain's oldest mother.

Business 4: Ladbrokes buy Hilton International hotels. **9:** British Telecom chief Sir George Jefferson quits. **24:** Overseas trade deficit hits £1.5billion. **30:** *The Star* merges with *Sunday Sport*, promising more "zip".

Anniversaries 17: Reagan leads nation in flag-waving in bicentenary celebrations of the US constitution.

Arts 22: Belated start of Royal Opera House season as chorus accepts pay deal.

Politics 15: Liberal leader David Steel blames Dr Owen's strategy for Alliance election failure. **28:** Neil Kinnock gets mandate from Labour conference for major changes of party politics. **30:** Keith Best, former Tory MP, goaled for making dishonest multiple applications for shares in a privatized company.

OCTOBER



Languishing: Piggott

At home — Oct 5: Minesweeper off Blackpool in anti-terrorist security for Tory conference delegates. **9:** 24 launches scan Loch Ness for "Nessie". **28:** 12 people killed when diesel fuel tanker ploughs into traffic on M61 in Lancashire.

Abroad 6: Col Sitiveni Rabuka proclaims Fiji a republic.

People 17: Jessica McClure rescued after 58 hours wedged down an abandoned well in Texas. **29:** Penelope Lively's *Moon Tiger* wins Booker Prize.

Crime 8: Sir Jack Lyons, followed by property owner Gerald Ronson, charged with theft offences in Guinness affair. **28:** Three burglars who set on fire and strangled a family at their Hampshire home gaoled for life or long prison terms.

Royals 21: Prince and Princess of Wales make public appearance together, temporarily stemming rumours of marriage problems.

Weather 16: 18 die, hundreds injured as storms devastate south of England. No warning from Met Office.

Sport 23: Former champion jockey Lester Piggott jailed three years for £3.25 million tax fraud. **28:** Lloyd Honeyghan loses WBC and IBF world welterweight titles at Wembley to Jorge Vaca.

Science and Medicine 1: Surrogate mother Pat Anthony gives birth to triplets in Johannesburg for her daughter. **18:** Nancy Reagan, suffering from cancer, has left breast removed.

Business 14: First commercial flight out of Docklands' City airport. **19:** Dow Jones crashes 508 points. City wipes £50 billion off shares.

NOVEMBER

At home — Nov 8: Ministry of Defence says bullying "is not a factor" after sentencing of four soldiers on assault charges during initiation ceremony. **11:** Church of England Synod vote calls on homosexuals to "repent". **12:** Jobless rate falls to below 10 per cent of working population. **13:** DPP calls for police inquiry into Zeebrugge Ferry disaster. **18:** 31 die, 20 seriously injured in fire at King's Cross underground. **20:** Education Reform Bill detailing Government radical proposals for overhauling education system in England and Wales published.

Abroad 7: Habib Bourgiba deposed as president of Tunisia. **11:** Boris Yeltsin, Kremlin reformer, sacked as chief of Moscow party organization. **18:** Congress blames Reagan in final verdict on Iran-Contra scandal, accusing him of failing in his constitutional duty to uphold the law.

People 5: Caspar Weinberger resigns as US Defence Secretary. **12:** Arthur Scargill stands down as NUM president but seeks re-election. **22:** Pope beatifies 85 British martyrs who died for their faith between 1584 and 1679.

Crime 6: Irish Prime Minister calls for inquiry over repeated failure to capture "Border Fox" Dessie O'Hare. **8:** 11 killed and 61 injured by IRA bomb at Remembrance Day service at Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. **11:** Customs officers seize record £51 million cocaine hidden in Dutch-bound container. **22:** Gunman Glyn Davies shot dead by Avon and Somerset police. **27:** Dessie O'Hare is captured.

Royals 19: Princess Royal becomes first member of British Royal Family to enter communist ruled Laos. **20:** Queen and Duke of Edinburgh celebrate 40th wedding anniversary.

Sport 20: Elton John tries to sell Watford FC to Robert Maxwell. **27:** England cricketer Chris Broad reprimanded for refusing to leave the crease in Pakistan.

Science and medicine 17: Stillborn boy born to Lily and Philip Rayner, who had been told by Tameside social services department that the baby would be taken away at birth. **25:** Health reform proposals, including abolition of free dental and eye checks.

Business 2: Trainee accountant Anil Gupta resigns after running up £1 million debts in Stock Market. **6:**



Moving: Grade

Market collapse claims another victim in Christopher Peach, aged 15, who invested £100,000 during school lunch breaks. **15:** Channel tunnel given green light as City institutions guarantee final £750 million flotation. **20:** Left wing tabloid *News on Sunday* folds. BA makes pre-emptive strike for B Cal with £147 million offer.

Arts and Entertainment 11: Van Gogh's "The Irises" sold for world record £30.2 million at New York auction. **20:** Nicholas Serota, director Whitechapel Gallery appointed as next director of Tate Gallery. **18:** BBC boss Michael Grade, aged 44, quits his job to become new head of rival Channel 4.

Politics 2: Peter Brooke, Paymaster General, named new chairman of Conservative Party. **5:** Mrs Thatcher asks President Reagan to reduce US budget deficit. **24:** Neil Kinnock gives Ken Livingstone severe warning over his Ulster campaign.

DECEMBER

At home — Dec 7: Dr Gareth Bennett, the canon and Oxford don who wrote attack on Archbishop of Canterbury in *Crockford's* preface, commits suicide after repeatedly denying authorship. **21:** British media win right to publish *Spycatcher* allegations as High Court judge refuses Government a permanent ban.

Abroad 8: Historic US-Soviet treaty to eliminate medium and shorter-range nuclear missiles signed in Washington by Reagan and Gorbachov. **15:** Gary Hart re-enters US presidential race. **21:** 1,500-plus dead after Philippines ferry sinks in worst peacetime maritime disaster this century.

People 7: Gorbachov acknowledges Britain's role in INF treaty success at Brize Norton en route to Washington. His wife sees local school nativity play. **13:** James Anderton, Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, calls for outlawing of homosexuality and flogging of criminals. **21:** BBC reporter Michael Cole relieved as Court correspondent after leaking Queen's speech. **28:** David Young, Bishop of Ripon, first Anglican bishop to ban homosexual clergy from his diocesan ministry.

Crime 10: Two dangerous prisoners escape by helicopter from Gartree top security prison, Leicestershire. **11:** Four Greenwich social and health workers censured by official commission into the death of Kimberley Carlile, tortured and murdered by her stepfather.



Defending: Runcie

Royals 2: Prince of Wales berates architects, planners and developers for doing more damage to British cities than Luftwaffe. **3:** Lord Linley banned from driving for second time.

Sport 10: England cricket captain Mike Gatting in bad language dispute with Shakoor Rana, one of the umpires in the England v Pakistan Test Series. Gatting later sends Rana a written apology on orders from Lord's. **15:** Robert Maxwell told by Football League to dispose of interests in three other clubs before he can buy Watford.

Science and Medicine 4: Two young boys crippled by snipers' bullets in Beirut do wheelchair stunts as they leave Stoke Mandeville hospital for home. **5:** Hole-in-the-heart baby David Barber dies 10 days after an operation that had been postponed five times. **16:** £100 million transfusion announced for NHS cash crisis. Cleveland abuse inquiry ends with 71st witness.

Business 11: CAA gives go-ahead for SAS to acquire substantial stake in B Cal provided no changes are made to its partial bid. **21:** BA chairman Lord King takes over B Cal with revised £250 million offer.

Entertainment 3: Government wins High Court order effectively imposing blanket ban on reporting of security services.

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TOMORROW

Days of future past: a guide to the anniversaries occuring in 1988

Among those who died

Diplomatic and Public Life: Lord William Blyton; Sir David Cairns, PC; Sir John Chadwick; Sir John Colville; Einar Gerhardson; Sir Geoffrey Jackson, KCMG; René Levesque; Sir Alexander MacFarquhar; Lord Mancroft; Lord Duncan Sandys; John Silkin; Lord Christopher Soames; Dame Ann Springman; Lord Burke Trend; Wali Miangul Jahan Zeb, the last Wali of Swat.

Science and Medicine: Colin Baron; Prof Ian Boyd; Dr Daniel Brown; Dr James Bull; Dr Arthur Cooke; Prof Noel Maclagan; Sir Peter Medawar; Dr Dorothy Needham; Sir Thomas Sellors.

Armed Services: Air Vice-Marshal Edward Addison; W/Cdr Bill Breakspear; W/Cdr Michael Crossley; Vice-Admiral Sir John Cuthbert; Admiral Sir William Davis; Air Marshal Sir William Dickson; Air Vice-Marshal Stanley Grant; Maj-Gen Kenneth Hall; W/Cdr Jim Hallowes; Air Cdre Robert Jones; Maj-Gen Reginald de Mussenden Leathes; Rear Admiral Sir Alexander Gordon Lennox; General J Lawton Collins; Maj-Gen Roy Marshall; Air Cdre James Melvin; Rear Admiral Stanley Miles; Air Chief Marshal Sir Hubert Patch; Air Marshal Sir Alick Stevens.

Journalism: Mrs Clare Boothe Luce; Victor Chapman; Arthur Firth; Maurice Green; Sir William Haley; Miss Freda Bruce Lockhart; Cecil King; Cecil Northcott; Harold Rosenthal.

General: Dame Elizabeth Ackroyd; Caroline, Lady Proctor-Beauchamp; Douglas Byng; Diana, Lady Delamere; Prince Ernst of Hanover; Peter Goldman; Sir James d'Avigdor-Goldsmid; Freda Gwilliam; Rudolf Hess; Herbert Hill; Sir Antony Hornby; Todd Kingman; Lord Hervey Rhodes, KG; Richard Seabrook; Dame Leslie Whateley.

Fine and Graphic Arts: Edward Barnsley; Cynthia Clarke; Harold Leger; André Masson; Edward Middleditch; Raymond Moore; Prof Giles Robertson; Frank Thrower; Andy Warhol.

Literature, Education and Scholarship: James Baldwin; Christopher Blunt; Erskine Caldwell; Douglas Clevardon; Bernard Fagg; Prof Ralph Leigh; Alastair Maclean; Dr Margaret Mann Phillips; Prof William Medlicott; Prof Arnaldo Momigliano; Sir Walter Oakeshott; Anthony West; Emlyn Williams.

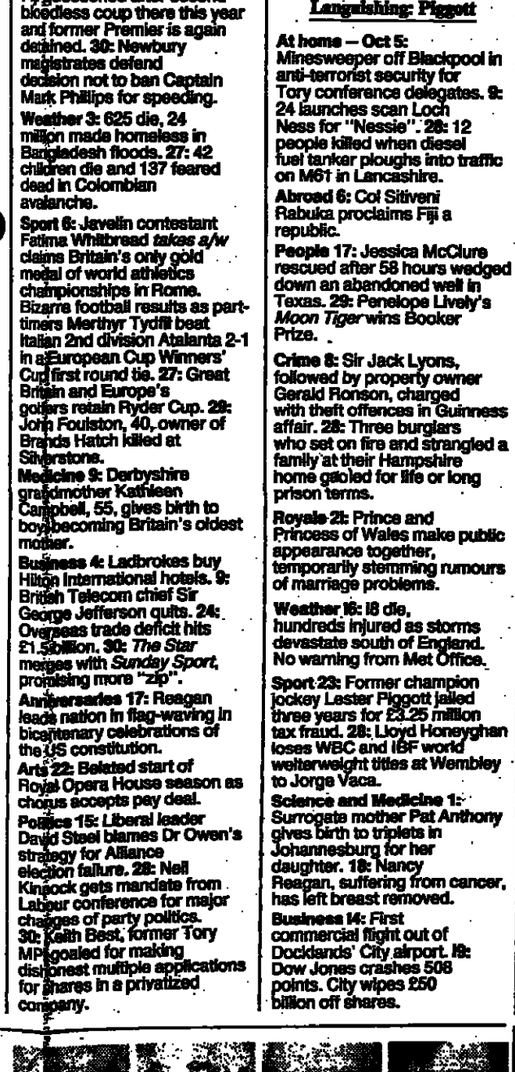
Law: His Hon Francis Cassels; His Hon Judge John Edwards; His Hon Judge Derek Howells; His Hon Judge Richard Pearce; Sir Melford Stevenson; His Hon Judge Michael Underhill; His Hon Judge Oliver Wrighson.

Business: Lord Cobbold, KG, PC, GCVO; Maurice Easy; Henry Ford II; Sir Hugh Fraser; Erno Goldfinger; Ernest Hall; Ralph Vernon-Hunt; Sir Henry Jonas; Leonard Matchan; Sir David Robinson; Lord Samuel; Aage Thaarup; Prof George Wheatcroft.

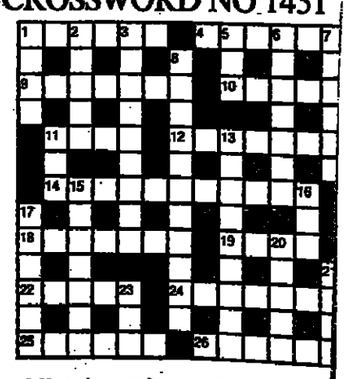
Theatre, Cinema, Broadcasting, Ballet and Music: Eamonn Andrews; Jean Anouilh; Fred Astaire; Mary Astor; Alfie Bass; Colin Blakely; Sydney Bromley; Clarence Brown; Madeleine Carroll; Patience Collier; Peter Darvell; Polly Elwes; Bob Fosse; Raymond Francis; Georges Franju; Bill Fraser; Hermione Gingold; Joe Gladwin; Jackie Gleason; Sir Hugh Greene; Lorne Greene; Joan Greenwood; Irene Handl; George Hart; Rita Hayworth; Woody Herman; McDonald Hobley; John Huston; Danny Kaye; Primo Levi; Joseph Levine; Liberace; Lee Marvin; Brewster Mason; Jacqueline du Pré; Al Read; Buddy Rich; Andres Segovia; Peter Schidlof; Randolph Scott; Baroness Maria von Trapp; Patrick Troughton; Basil Wright.

Ecclesiastical: Most Rev John Armstrong; Dr Gareth Bennett; Catherine Bramwell-Booth; Rt Rev Harold Charles; Fr Joseph Christie; Rev Ralph Dean; Most Rev George Dwyer; Rt Rev Ernest John; Most Rev Gregory Hia Gyaw; Rev Derek Harbord; Bishop George Holderness; Bishop Thomas Pearson; Rev Dr Kenneth Slack; W W (Bill) Simpson; Bishop Francis Thomson.

Sport: Jacques Anquetil; Bill Bowes; Jean Batten; Lord Carnarvon; Henry Cotton; Manny Cussins; John Goddard; Bobby Locke; Vijay Merchant; Sir Noel Murless; Didier Pironi; Basil Reay; Sheila Van Damm; David Warburg.



CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1451



ACROSS
1 Harm (6)
4 Thicket (6)
9 Determination (7)
10 Catholic (5)
11 British Airways predecessor (1,1,1,1)
12 Team substitute (7)
14 Eg Quadrille (6,5)
18 Littoral (7)
19 A number (4)
22 Hurl (5)
24 Left out (7)
25 Horse headgear (6)
26 Rink performer (6)

DOWN
1 Desperate (4)
2 Rapid (music) (5)
3 Ghana (4,5)
5 Sailor (3)
6 Fine white linen (7)
7 American (6)
8 Mary Ann Evans (6,5)
11 Coach (3)
13 Horseplay comedy (9)
15 Argument (7)
16 Cluter——(Labour MP) (3)
17 Crush (6)
20 RC anthem (5)
21 Last Hebrew month (4)
23 Misery (3)

SOLUTION TO NO 1450

ACROSS: 1 Rosemary 5 Flat 9 Bran mb 10 Igloo 11 Scrap 12 Sheik 13 Affix 15 Clear 16 Chart 18 Match 20 Press 21 Hauteur 23 Sake 24 Imposter

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THE TIMES DIARY

Med dogs queue here

Here is unpalatable news for Tim Eggar, the Foreign Office minister concerned about British hooliganism abroad. In September Thames Television's *This Week* filmed the alarming behaviour of British holiday-makers in Majorca. Club 18-30, which runs two resorts on the island, was so taken aback by the food-throwing antics of its clients that it turned the TV crew away from a beach party. Nevertheless many were shown being sick, others in a "trousers down" posture. To keep them away, restaurants took English food off their menus. Far, however, from scaring away trade, the programme seems to have acted as an advertisement. I learn that bookings for Club 18-30's Mediterranean holidays this autumn leapt by 30 per cent. Marketing executive Edward Sims insists: "I doubt if the programme has encouraged the wrong element. People probably thought the programme was biased and took advantage of our prices." How I hope he is right.

On the button

Management consultants Arthur Young have proudly announced their selection from a field of 10 firms for a Home Office contract to take the police national computer system into the 21st century. Three of their consultants are to interview police forces across the country to assess their needs before the software is improved. Perhaps the Home Office was impressed by Arthur Young's appointment, announced simultaneously, of a specialist adviser on "services concerned with policing, the detection and prevention of fraud and the management of change." The man for the job: Kenneth Newman, former Metropolitan Police Commissioner.

Dying embers

If anyone had forgotten that this is the 30th anniversary of Windscale's famous fire, the Atomic Energy Authority is fortunately around to remind them. It has written to everyone booked into the Public Records Office this week to examine the government papers released tomorrow under the 30 Year Rule inviting them to "drop in" to its headquarters. Senior officials will be on hand to answer queries. Refreshments (and some pretty well-polished excuses, I wager) will be served.

● **The idea of the ordinary voter, so beloved of politicians, has been exploded for me. In a Devon pub the other evening I overheard a conversation about politics at the next table and tuned in to sample the views of "ordinary people". I was rewarded with a tranche of speculation about what "ordinary people" thought — a conversation which concluded when one of the party, doubtless wishing to test his theories in practice, turned to ask for my opinion.**

Self-discipline

Even Mrs Thatcher would be impressed by the Victorian values displayed by a senior officer at Lambeth town hall. John Mwale, director of management services at the Labour-controlled council, has produced an efficiency review of his department that says his own £30,000-a-year job should go. In his report, Mwale recommends a staff reduction of 80 and that his empire be split into two divisions — computer and personnel — working directly for the chief executive.

BARRY FANTONI



"And at the bank I picked up 300 dollars for just 30p"

The other half

The Times once ran a series of writers' perfect days. In the magazine *Direction*, someone called Bryan Brown, a designer who left London to set up shop in Reading, goes one better by describing a week which, while being perfect, has the additional merit of also appearing typical. "This is the good life," Brown begins, describing listening to Vaughan Williams and making "a few phone calls from the car" while driving through "pastoral splendour" to work, where he arrives "fresh as a daisy". The week continues with a simple lunch out ("Sadly I sold my restaurant"), a contract-clinching drink, a flight to Munich ("How over-rated flying is"), a call to Suzz" on the way home suggesting Rome for her 40th. The week ends as it began: "The soft autumn night falls dappled in the room. My man Dominic wakes me . . . the tennis coach has arrived." If I were Fate, I would be tempted.

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Putting a price on the land

by Graham Mather

Ministers are frightened by soaring house prices in the South. Companies in and about London complain that they cannot attract while northern businesses complain that executives dare not leave the South's property price escalator. But the government's search for palliatives misses the point: the real problem is that southern house-owners use planning laws to preserve the value of their assets. The planning system itself ensures that supply cannot catch up with demand.

Despite some recent minor improvements, the main structure of town and country planning has survived broadly intact since 1947. Government policy is to operate the system to "facilitate development and renewal wherever that is possible and consistent with other objectives". But these "other objectives" include not only the understandable imperatives of environmental conservation but the entrenched power of established residents in sought-after local communities.

Developers seeking planning consents in the South-east, or consortia of builders planning new country towns designed to the highest standards of environmental amenity, find that progress is slow. Tillingham Hall in Essex, the first new country town proposal on land of doubtful environmental significance, was turned down flat before the last election after strong local protests.

The trouble is that though planning consents are worth big money to developers, the system gives them no "price", while at the same time the granting of consent can have a dramatic cost for politicians in terms of votes lost. If developers could be made to pay for compensation to those who suffer, if a new housing estate meant a substantial capital sum for a local authority, attitudes could be transformed and the route to development in the South could be opened up. Fruitless government exhortation of southern planning authorities to act against their current best interests could be replaced by a new understanding of local self-interest in having moderate housing development to meet market needs.

Britain's planning system has been unable to do this. It was established by an effective "nationalization" of the right to develop land, in the 1947 Town and Country Planning Act. Development rights were appropriated by the state, to be released only at the political judgement of local authorities dominated by the voting power of local residents. Putting a price on these rights would help release them to meet demand: privatizing planning much as state industries have themselves been privatized.

Developers should be able to buy out land rights

In practice such a price mechanism *is* emerging in the day-to-day work of planning authorities, through the mechanism of "planning gain". Where a developer can convince an authority that the total nature of his scheme will have significant local benefits, his case is significantly strengthened. Many local councillors are already familiar with packages from the promoters of new country towns offering funding for new roads, the provision of public open spaces, a library or health centre.

The process has its problems. Controversy erupted in the London Borough of Camden recently after it was alleged that the council had been discussing a payment of £2 million with a developer in return for planning permission. A spokesman at the Department of the Environment said ministers viewed the matter of so-called planning gains sought by local authorities in return for granting planning permission with "very great concern". But it is significant that the department itself, in giving a rare approval for 3,500 new homes in the "interim" green belt at Harlow this month, also sanctioned a payment by the building partnership involved of £3 million towards roads, sewers, infrastructure, a community hall and medical centre.

Developers should be able to buy out land rights at the price of compensating the local community. Those communities would then be able more accurately to assess the advantages and disadvantages of allowing land to be developed. Adding a price system could also help developers to choose between expensive, southern planning permission and cheaper rates in the North.

This suggestion may at first seem radical. In fact, it is closely linked to the original aims of the 1947 legislation, which envisaged a *development charge* levied on planning applicants, broadly representing the increase in land value resulting from planning permission. It proposed, also, a *compensation fund* to compensate owners where authorities placed restrictions on land use. But tacked on to these aims was the less satisfactory bulk of a Central Land Board to administer the system and acquire land for development. In practice, the scheme failed to take off and the charge and compensation systems petered out.

Successive attempts to address problems of land use by nationalization, by betterment levies or development land tax have gone the same way. The reason is that they all rested on clumsy attempts to redirect land use by taxing powers. Central government had its eye on the extra revenue, which tended not to filter down to local communities. Formalizing planning gain into an explicit "price" could overcome the obstacles.

It could go side by side with a general easing of planning controls as opportunity arises. It could provide an incentive for local authorities to grant permission for development of land currently blighted; it could "rank" the authority's criteria for development and allow a clearer indication of priorities; pass to the community a sum which would "compensate" for apparent detriment and help maximize the use of the least environmentally important land while reducing the rates or the community charge.

Refusal of consent could lead to compensation charge

If, in addition, a compensatory system were to be reintroduced for refusal of consent to development, this could operate as a check on authorities seeking to use the charge system as a major source of revenue, compensate those whose development rights have otherwise been nationalized without compensation, introduce a market assessment of the economic value of activity precluded by public authority decision, and open up the opportunity to cost, through local taxes at higher levels than they would otherwise be, the price of a restrictive approach to development.

Such a change could be a major step to unblocking the planning logjam and reducing the North-South divide.

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Conor Cruise O'Brien considers the prospects for peace in 1988



Thaw—or wishful thinking?

The year 1987 may perhaps be seen by historians, writing in the next century, as the year of the great turning point: the year in which the Cold War, instead of assuming some new form, as so often in the past, began to come to an end. This would mean that the superpowers, at long last, had reached the only logical conclusion, compatible with our survival, that can be drawn from the existence of mutual assured destruction: to confine the means of assured destruction to the minimum necessary to ensure mutual deterrence.

Such a turning point may have been reached, or it may not. Some of the signs are not encouraging. In Afghanistan, the Soviet Union is *not disengaging, as had been* hoped, but actually extending the area of its military control. Possibly Gorbachov is putting on a show of force before disengagement very much as de Gaulle did in Algeria in 1962 when he announced that the French forces had won the war and then withdrew. That might be an attractive precedent for a leader in Gorbachov's situation.

An alternative hypothesis is much less attractive, but hardly less plausible: that Gorbachov is afraid to withdraw from Afghanistan because *any* Soviet withdrawal anywhere would excite hopes of a Soviet withdrawal from Eastern Europe. Such hopes might destabilize the region, provoking reactions inside the Soviet Union that could topple him.

By the end of 1987 the second and darker hypothesis was looking rather more likely. Storm signals were coming from Poland, where the results of the referendum seemed to show that the people were more willing to defy the known wishes of their rulers than their rulers had expected. Reports also suggested that Poland's already dismal economic situation is likely to get even worse in 1988.

On top of high prices and shortages, unemployment is to be added, by deliberate policy. Economically, this may be sound — although in Thatcherite, not socialist, terms. But in terms of politics, this measure seems decidedly risky. Unemployed Poles must be driven over the desperation line, under prevailing conditions and prices. And desperation, in a country under indirect alien rule, must vent itself against the agents of the alien rulers.

In the light of the developing situation in Poland, the forward policy in Afghanistan may make sense, in a Machiavellian sort of way. By using the Soviet steamroller against the Afghans, Gorbachov reminds the Poles that the steamroller is still there, and that Moscow is still ready to use it. Also, Gorbachov knows that westerners care about Afghanistan much less than some of them say they do, and much less than they care about Poland. So to use open repression in Afghanistan, in order to avoid having to use it in Poland, *would be a rational* policy, however repulsive.

The potential threats to Gorbachov — and through Gorbachov to the prospect of further agreement between the superpowers — are clear enough. But there are also potential threats on the American side. The most serious of these are economic. Events of the last quarter of 1987 focused attention on serious weaknesses in the American economy. Both the weaknesses, and attempts to remedy them, could possibly precipitate a slump in 1988. The combination of a slump and an American presidential election could lead to the nomination and election of a hawkish Republican. If that happens, there would be no prospect of further agreement between the superpowers, at least for some years to come. And even fears of a slump — let alone the reality — must lessen the chances, on the American side, of negotiation leading to major reductions in arms expenditure.

The weird disarray of the Democratic Party at the end of 1987 also seems to have negative implications for progress in arms reduction. The black farce of the political resurrection of Gary Hart, in late 1987, leaves the Democrats saddled with *two* unelectable front runners. As long as the Democrats remain in this condition, the Republican managers will be less preoccupied with the Democratic challenge than with challenges to the heir presumptive, George Bush, from the Republican right. And these challenges will be sending "go slow" signals into the Bush camp, in the matter of further arms negotiations. All in all, the chances of a second summit in the summer of 1988, leading to major arms reductions, look a little less bright at the end of 1987 than after the signing of the INF treaty.

That does not necessarily mean that the improvement in superpower relations achieved at the 1987 summit will not be sustained. Both Gorbachov and Reagan-Bush have a great political investment in that improvement and will try to keep it in being. On Reagan's side, it may be a tempting strategy in 1988 to say, in effect: "I'm a man of peace, and have proved it. But I'm not a 'peace at any price' man, and I'm not going to be rushed into anything." That is the position that would probably win the approval of the largest possible section of the American people. And Gorbachov, too, has reasons of his own for taking up a rather similar posture.

Whether or not there is a second summit in 1988, certain situations which engaged world attention in 1987 will probably not be much affected, one way or another, and will continue to engage attention in 1988. Israel and Ireland are two.

The end-of-year disturbances and repression in Gaza, on the West Bank and in Israel proper have naturally led to renewed demands that Israel should make peace with the Arabs. Most Israelis, though not all, would probably agree to that general proposition. But the main difficulty is that there is no Arab leader who could both negotiate peace and deliver his side of the bargain, whatever the terms.

Negotiating with King Husain of Jordan could not bring peace because Husain is not at war and because those who do regard themselves as at war with Israel — primarily Syria and the PLO — would only be further enraged by public negotiations between Israel and Husain. And even if Israel could bring itself to negotiate with Yassir Arafat, Arafat could not deliver peace because he is not in control of the PLO. Nobody is. Arafat still has a certain prestige but that would disappear the moment he negotiated with Israel. His followers don't want negotiations; they want an end to Israel.

Israel could simply withdraw from the occupied territories, or a large part of them, without a treaty, but then the evacuated areas would most likely become bases for *fedayeen* activity.

One possible but partial solution would be for Israel to withdraw its forces from a large part of the West Bank, on the basis of a tacit agreement that Jordanian forces would then occupy the evacuated areas. The agreement would have to be tacit, because Jordan could not sign an agreement that would leave Jerusalem in Israeli hands, and Israel could not sign any other kind of agreement. Husain would have compelling reasons for moving in his forces because "PLO power" in the evacuated areas would be more dangerous to him than to Israel. That is probably the most promising of realistic options. But it would not disarm Israel's enemies. And the West Bankers would probably find Jordanian repression more uninhibited than the Israeli kind.

In Ireland, at the end of 1987, opinion is more hostile to the IRA than I can remember it ever being. The revulsion had set in before Enniskillen, but it became very much more marked thereafter. Public revulsion, however, is only of service against the IRA if it helps to provide a basis for more effective and better co-ordinated security action. I hope the machinery of the Anglo-Irish agreement may be increasingly used for that purpose, in which case Unionist resentment of the agreement will be lessened, though not eliminated.

I do not believe that the IRA can be defeated unless internment without trial can be introduced and maintained *on both sides of the border*, as during the Second World War. To try to fight the IRA within the ordinary legal framework is clearly hopeless. Those who hoped that the Anglo-Irish agreement in itself would produce a decline in violence have seen their hopes horribly dashed in two years. But if the agreement is used for closer security co-operation, up to and including a joint policy on internment, then we may indeed begin to see a decline in IRA violence, and the prospect of an end to it. That is my hope for 1988.

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'Any Soviet withdrawal anywhere could excite hopes of a withdrawal from Eastern Europe, destabilizing the region and provoking reactions inside the Soviet Union that could topple Gorbachov'

Ronald Butt

Shepherds who have strayed

A fortnight ago I remarked on the tendency of some "liberal" clergy to confuse conservative religious anxieties about the present direction of the Church of England with Conservative political motivation. Now the Dean of Winchester, the Very Rev Trevor Beeson, has confirmed my point. He has written in his New Year cathedral letter that press criticism of the Archbishop of Canterbury dates back to Dr Runcie's responsibility for a post-Falklands memorial service at St Paul's which was "less triumphalist than many in government circles would have hoped for" and because the Archbishop "spoke of the need for penitence and the fact of suffering on both sides of the conflict".

What is more, the Dean thinks that "since the campaign against the Church of England has been conducted exclusively in those newspapers which are strongly committed to support of the government, it is impossible to believe that the campaign is not politically motivated."

As to the so-called Falklands factor, I for one thought at the time, and still do think, that Dr Runcie's was the right Christian approach. But on the second point one is entitled to ask what media "campaign" there is against the Church of England that can be distinguished from the deep-felt anxieties of a very important part of the church itself about its present general leadership.

If there is a campaign it is not against the Church of England but to recover its fundamental values. It is to the anxieties of conservative Anglicans in the religious sense that I now turn, having attempted last week to indicate the nature of the political Conservative. No greater damage faces the church than that arising from its tendency to think politically, often without realizing it. A graphic instance arose recently when the General Synod debated the report *Changing Britain*, which had been produced by a working party under the chairmanship of the Archbishop of York. Its purpose was to set goals for a pluralist society in which there are people of many religions and none. The committee's membership included some members of other Christian denominations as well as Anglicans. In its earlier stages I was a member but was obliged to withdraw because of pressure of other work.

Much of the report is directed to social and political "complexities"; little or nothing to guidance on individual morality. The modes of contemporary sociological thinking hang heavy upon a well-intentioned exercise which ended, for the most part, in generalities. In the debate on the report, the Archbishop of York said that it was intended less for men and women in the pew than for those in Parliament, the Civil Service and in other responsible positions who need encouragement to think broadly.

In the following debate, the Provost of Southwark, the Very Rev David Edwards, said he wanted "to plead for a deeper dialogue between the Church of England and the Conservative Party." No doubt, he said, involvement with Labour, Liberals and the SDP was important "but far-reaching policy reviews are already in process in those quarters"; priority should be given to "a sympathetic and philosophical dialogue about what Conservatism is and what Christianity is." He ended by saying that the church "can still help the Conservative Party to be a thinking party, thinking in a way which is an option for Christians," which seems to suggest that he does not see it as such at present.

Even more illuminating was the Archbishop's reply to this specific point, in which *he made a very* kind reference to the time I had been a member of the working party and had been (he said) "a spokesman for a particular stress on individualistic responsibility" he thought there had been a useful dialogue with the committee. Certainly it had been very stimulating and friendly but it had never occurred to me that I was seen as fulfilling a Conservative function. If, as the Archbishop suggested, I was not "entirely comfortable" within it that was not because of political differences or because I had to argue for individual responsibility in terms of social problems. It was because I think that "moral concern rooted in basic principles rather than detailed prescriptions" (para 191 of the report) is not enough. Unless basic principles lead to some detailed prescription and recommendations for conduct they are as useless as detailed prescriptions which have no principles behind them.

What worries conservative Anglicans is the refusal to offer positive guidance to what is required of the individual. In the whole area of personal and family morality, from the church's attitude to divorce and remarriage, abortion, the tacit acceptance of the contemporay separation of sexual relationships and marriage, and the moral relativism brought to the teaching of children, the church compromises. The norms of behaviour which have held Christian civilization together throughout its history have been discarded for compromises with a secular society. I doubt whether Christianity would have survived without the rules for individual responsibility which have for so long proved its case.

Of course the rules were often broken, and of course there was forgiveness when they were. But at least people knew what they should attempt. Now they do not. Instead they are given generalities derived from pluralism. I do not think Christianity would have got far if St Paul had taken that attitude to the pluralism of his time. The church means well but must stop thinking politically and then misjudging the nature of the worries of many of its members. They have nothing to do with Conservative politics, or any other politics either.

however . . . Joseph Connolly

A real smooth operator

I admit that I wavered while reading that Harrods was currently engaged in spending £200 million on giving the store "a new look"; I was *almost* shamed into doing something after all those reports of a "bookshop revolution" in the high street, whereby the likes of Waterstones think little of dickying up their new premises to the tune of half-a-million a time.

But what finally drove me to consider a bit of a facelift for my little bookshop was the visit from a builder who introduced himself as Mr O'Fule, and went on to inform me that he had done a small job up the road and found himself with two gross surplus tubs of Tetrion, and was I in the market? I had to disappoint him on this score — but as he was here, maybe he wouldn't mind looking over the place with a view to, um, partial refurbishment?

"Wouldn't that be a real pleasure now?" he asked.

He started mooching around in the basement, soon emerging wearing the sort of expression that you or I might hold in reserve in case of mass bereavement. There was, he said, a damp problem; also signs that there had at one time been mice, but he could only assume that these had all drowned — despite one or two strange noises from behind the skirting, which he put down to possible infestation of fish.

"Sounds bad," I said.

Mr O'Fule's face split into cheeriness. "Sure it's nothing at all," he assured me. "Some of the plaster's come away, but that's no big thing. The walls are as steady as a rock — except for the pointing; but pointing's nothing."

"What would you suggest we do, Mr O'Fule?" I asked him, but his eyes were scanning the shelves.

"What a divil of a lot of booooks," he sighed, apparently noticing them for the first time. "Sure I'll bet you've not read them all? I read a booook one time: didn't think anything of it at all. What the divil was it called?" His face clouded into concentration.

"Um — what would you suggest we do, Mr O'Fule?" I persisted.

"*TV Times* — that was it. What should we do, do you say? We Tetrion the lot. Walls, floor, ceiling, the whole caboodle. I've yet to meet the fish that'll survive."

"I see," I said. "But it was more the shop itself I was concerned with. I thought maybe a touch of *je ne sais quoi*, while not disturbing the ambience . . .?"

"Sure I'll put on a touch of whatever you like, and your ambulance won't even know I've been. But if it's my opinion you're asking — I'm for giving the walls a roughcast sort of hacienda look; it's quite the thing in Kilburn."

"And to achieve that look . . ?"

"Tetrion! Sure it's great stuff. Covers a multitude. Now what'll you want replacing? My brother-in-law knows a man who could put some lino your way, or sure we could just fill the holes in the existing and give it a lick of paint."

"The holes being filled with?"

"Sure what else? There's nothing to beat it. Now it could be that your electrickery is in need of doing away with altogether, but there I'm not your man. Won't touch it. Before I left Dublin, I was up on a ladder changing a bulb, next moment — bang! After that, wasn't I permanently in, em . . ." His face had gone opaque again. "Jaysus, you could open a shop with all the bloddy booooooks you've got here."

"What were you permanently in, Mr O'Fule? Shock? Traction?"

"Cricklewood. Been there ever since."

I felt we were straying from the point, and to tell the truth I was rather going off the whole idea. There was something about Mr O'Fule that did not ring of the dedicated craftsman, but I asked him for his card anyway. He said he had no card, but could that very afternoon drop round a dozen 8'x4' sheets of exterior ply at a price that wouldn't even graze me. He went on to say that he was now on his way to the dentist, due to having fallen over laughing at the expression on a lady's face when he presented his account, and forgetting to close his mouth on the way down, the ensuing collision of his face with the fender resulting in a chipped incisor.

Whether or not he also nurtured a hope of offloading his two gross surplus tubs of Tetrion, he did not confide, but if I hear any more, I'll fill you in.

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HONOURS UNEVEN

Today's New Year Honours List contains almost enough people who deserve to be on it to make one overlook the large number who, as usual, do not. It is good that 31 awards should go to people involved in the Zeebrugge rescue operation, five of them to members of the ferry's crew. Failings by some crew members may have been the immediate cause of the disaster. But not all was a tale of incompetence or neglect on that terrible night. And one of these five awards – the George Medal to the ferry's head waiter, Mr Michael Skippen – is posthumous.

It is also right that awards should have gone to Belgian rescue workers. And in honouring the Governor of West Flanders, Britain expressed gratitude for the way in which Belgium – a country sorely tried by Britons in the Heysel Stadium – showed herself to be such a good neighbour when Britons needed her help.

Welcome too are the CBEs to the test-tube baby pioneers, Mr Steptoe and Professor Edwards. The only complaint here is that the CBE might be too modest an honour for men capable of assuaging the fear of childlessness which has haunted so many women from the beginning of time.

There ought to be more honours given for the actual medical work which doctors do rather than through the medical politics by which doctors become well-known to Whitehall. Honours for the actual practice of medicine need not be confined to exceptional feats. Why not more honours for, say, surgeons in general hospitals who save countless lives by operations which, though routine, involve minute skills and dedication?

In his long novel sequence, Mr Anthony Powell has created a world in which honours, and the quest for them, play a part whose nuances are beautifully realised by the author. By securing a CH, Mr Powell has done better than his brilliant and monstrous creation, the *opportunist Kenneth Widmerpool*, who secured a peerage but who – since the national mood was egalitarian at the time – emphasized that he wished to be known as "Ken".

Opinions differ as to who is the best living English novelist. But one of those opinions is that it is Mr Powell.

The general conclusions to be drawn from this year's list are the same as in any other year – unfortunately. Too many politicians, civil servants and people on the political make. When the country wakes up and scrutinizes the Honours List, the unworthiness of some of the recipients – the evidence of intrigue, time-serving and sheer luck – is traditionally part of the fun. No one would want to spoil that by making the list entirely related to merit.

But could not the categories be less rigid and predictable? There are three new Privy Counsellors today – all of them politicians. Why should a Privy Counsellorship – and the address of "Rt. Hon." which goes with it – go almost exclusively to politicians, and to certain judges? It is not as if the Privy Council is any longer a working body advising the sovereign. Why should not an industrialist, a businessman, or a scholar be a Privy Counsellor?

It is good that the Chief Rabbi, Sir *Immanuel Jakobovits*, has been made a peer. He is not a cleric who could be accused of wrapping his religious message in a packaging calculated to win him secular popularity. But there is now a case for making the office of Chief Rabbi carry with it an *ex officio* peerage. Likewise the office of Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster. The time is perhaps past when the Anglican bishops alone deserve the extra pulpit of the Upper House.

The forces and the diplomatic service have their own stretches of the list. Why not, say, the police and National Health Service? Honours used to be a way of rewarding people who were vital, but not well-paid. That was the reasoning behind having so many civil servants on the list. Today civil servants have indexed-linked pensions, often go on to directorships, and receive just as many honours as they ever did.

Honours should be taken out of the direct gift of the Prime Minister and politicians. They should be controlled by a strong, independent body. But they will not be. They are too useful to prime ministers and politicians for that.

MESSAGE TO MENGISTU

In August, the UN's World Food Programme warned that Ethiopia faced a famine no less severe than that of 1984. Britain responded at once with £1.4 million in emergency aid. Last month, Britain was one of the first countries to answer a new UN appeal to fund airlifts of food to the famine areas. A sum of £2 million was given and the airlifts are in progress now.

These two contributions, in response to specific appeals, constitute just a fraction of the £28 million the British Government has pledged in emergency aid to Ethiopia this year. On Tuesday, Addis Ababa expressed its official thanks: Ethiopia's envoy to the UN relief organizations accused Britain of withholding aid to his country for political purposes.

The reaction of the Foreign Office was swift and sharp – and rightly so. There was no question, the Minister for Overseas Development said, of Britain withholding famine relief. There was a problem with longer-term development aid, but this was of Ethiopia's own making.

There is indeed a problem with development aid, and it is entirely of Ethiopia's making. Last year, Ethiopia was promised £270 million, about half to come from the World Bank and the rest from the EEC (including Britain), to fund long-term projects of the sort which could minimize the future risk of famine. But the donors insisted that the Ethiopian Government should first revise its policy on the pricing and sale of agricultural produce. Unless farmers had incentives to produce food, they argued, the aid would not serve its purpose and good money would be sent after bad.

Ethiopia agreed to these conditions, but the necessary changes have not been made and the aid has not been released. Drought has returned to the war-torn north-east of the country – Tigre and Eritrea – and Colonel Mengistu's Government is looking for someone other than itself, and its Soviet patrons, to blame. Meanwhile it sustains Africa's largest army, devotes more than 40 per cent of its budget to military spending, exports luxury foodstuffs to the West and persists in collectivizing its agriculture.

It is hard to divine why Britain has been singled out for blame. The Government has been more generous to Ethiopia than many others. The British public, which responded to the famine appeal in 1984 with £85 million, has been generous to a fault.

Yet the charitable may reasonably become impatient when disaster threatens again so soon. Earlier this month, five British charities launched a new appeal for Ethiopia's drought victims. The response has been poor. Mr Bob Geldof – the recipient of a knighthood for his *earlier fund-raising efforts – made a much-publicized return visit*, and tempered his praise with stern criticism of the Ethiopian Government.

No one expects self-deprecating gratitude for aid given in charity. It is right to ask, however, for a determination on the part of the recipient government to help its own people so far as it can and for some explanation as to how millions of pounds, given in good faith, have been used or misused in the past.

Yesterday, the World Food Programme said that Ethiopia's existing food supplies would last only another three months. Unless more food aid was forthcoming, 5 million people could die of starvation. Unfortunately, the Ethiopian envoy's complaints about Britain only 24 hours earlier make voluntary donations from this country less likely.

The most positive interpretation of the Ethiopian envoy's remarks is that they mask an imminent change in Ethiopia's domestic policy which would allow the development aid to be released. On past performance, however, that looks a fond hope.

STRENGTH WITHOUT STEROIDS

A series of articles in *The Times* this year has drawn attention to the growing illegal trade in anabolic steroid drugs. These were once associated chiefly with East European weightlifters but are now used by athletes of all kinds in a perilous attempt to gain competitive advantage.

Like all dangerous drugs, anabolic steroids have specific medical uses. They are particularly valuable for helping undernourished children and old people. But increasingly sportsmen and women have misused the drugs to build muscle weight, recover more quickly, undertake more intensive training and accentuate aggressiveness.

The practice has spread so far that competitors have been disqualified and widespread suspicion aroused across a wide variety of international sport. Anabolic steroids have been banned by both the International Olympic Committee and the Sports Council for over a decade, and the Government is already spending more than £250,000 a year in their *detection* through urine analysis of leading competitors. But the most widespread use of these drugs is in bodybuilding, which is outside the scope of the Sports Council's testing programme.

It would be an infringement of personal liberty if people were randomly tested for drugs in the thousands of *gymnasia* which are not affiliated to any recognized governing body. Legislative changes have been proposed, however, which would help more effectively to stop the abuse.

Last September, the Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs was asked by the Home Office to consider whether anabolic steroids should be brought within the controls of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971. This would make it an offence to possess these drugs without a prescription. At the moment, the drugs come within the Medicines Act, 1968, which makes it an offence only to sell them.

The Misuse of Drugs Act is the appropriate vehicle, since it covers drugs that are capable of having harmful effects sufficient to constitute a social problem. The evidence of this has been made very clear in the articles in *The Times*. The use of the drugs has caused death and illness because of the lack of medical supervision. The traffic in them has led to massive profits for criminals as well as to protection rackets and violence.

At the moment, people in possession of anabolic steroids can enter Britain without hindrance if they claim the drugs are for their personal use. Commercial importing and advertising of these drugs are commonplace. The obstacles to obtaining a conviction for their sale are considerable. Inspectors of the Ministry of Agriculture, acting for the Government, are fighting the abuse but their resources are slender.

The Advisory Council is expected to give its report in May. It is regrettable that this is taking so long, because on January 12 an interministerial meeting is expected to discuss the abuse. The problem of steroids has particularly disturbed the Minister for Sport, Mr Colin Moynihan, who has produced his own report with Mr Sebastian Coe. If an interim report were available from the Advisory Council, then the Government might have the evidence to support the private members Bill of Mr Menzies Campbell, the Liberal MP and former international sprinter. This seeks to make possession of the drug without a prescription a criminal offence – the right answer to a rising tide of trouble.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Pulped issue of House magazine

From Mr Tam Dalyell, MP for Linlithgow (Labour)

Sir, In his perceptive article – rightly, in my opinion, favourable to Mr Speaker Weatherill, "Umpire with a back-bench bias" (December 24) – Robin Oakley refers to "Labour Whips unwilling to rein in their attention-seekers".

The reason the Whips, whom I have always respected, have not reined me in is that they are no less curious than am I about the topic to which I have been trying to draw attention – the Prime Minister's state of knowledge about the selectively leaked law officer's letter on which Leon Brittan "carried the can"!

Albeit two years old, this is a story that keeps recurring. As *The Times* reported (Diary, December 11), the last but one issue of Parliament's *House Magazine* was withdrawn and is being pulped, unread. Why? Because Britain's first professor of journalism, and regular contributor to *The Times* for many years, enjoying the confidence of successive editors of *The Times*, Hugh Stephenson, contributed a review of a book!

The offending passage in Professor Stephenson's review (which was of Peter Jenkins's *The Thatcher Revolution*) drew attention to the assertion by Jenkins that a telephone call took place between Sir Brian Hayes, Permanent Secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry, and Sir Robert Armstrong. A more superficially unlikely reason for pulping a magazine's entire print is difficult to contemplate.

The only explanation is that knowledge of this phone call brings yet again into question the veracity of the Prime Minister over Westland.

Nothing would help Mr Speaker more in coping with this "attention-seeker" than a slice of Prime Ministerial candour over Westland. Mr Speaker's troubles with me (who never shouts and never bawls, and whose parliamentary manners are otherwise impeccable) derives solely from Mrs Thatcher's refusal to answer direct factual questions about her knowledge of the selectively leaked law officer's letter, before the inquiry that she herself had set up had reported.

Yours etc,
TAM DALYELL,
House of Commons.

NHS 'front-line'

From Mr Charles Jenkins and others

Sir, While recent media coverage has concentrated on the shortage of nurses, there are serious problems in many other sectors of health care. Shortages are just as bad among the 35,000 "front-line" staff in the NHS known as the professions allied to medicine – chiropodists, dietitians, occupational therapists, orthoptists, physiotherapists and radiographers.

Although shortages of these professionals do not have the same dramatic impact as nursing shortages, the rising number of vacancies is having an insidious effect on patient care. There are chronic shortages particularly in occupational therapy, physiotherapy and chiropody.

The demand for the services of these professions within the NHS is growing steadily despite financial stringencies. They are the practitioners who get people fit to leave hospital and to live at home; more importantly, they can ensure that patients do not need to be admitted to hospital. They also help to reduce drug costs and provide a diagnostic facility and treatment without recourse to surgery.

The number of school leavers is going to drop dramatically over the next few years. Already there are considerable difficulties in recruiting student radiographers, chiropodists and orthoptists. For our professions to attract and retain the staff the NHS requires, their pay and career prospects must be competitive with other professions making similar academic demands.

All of our recruits require the same qualifications as those entering degree courses and many of those who qualify are, in fact, graduates. Starting salaries are well below those offered to the average graduate and the most experienced practitioners can earn no more than £12,060 per annum unless they move into management.

The majority of direct patient-care responsibilities in the NHS are undertaken by women and their skills have long been undervalued. This cannot be allowed to continue if the NHS is to recruit and retain sufficient staff in our professions to help to provide the high standards of care that society has a right to expect.

Yours faithfully,
G. C. JENKINS (Secretary, Society of Chiropodists),
JOHN GRIGG (Secretary, British Dietetic Association),
IVOR WOODS (Secretary, British Orthoptic Society),
MICHAEL JORDON (Secretary, Society of Radiographers),
GEOFFREY CLARIDGE (Secretary, British Association of Occupational Therapists),
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14 Bedford Row, WC1.
December 18.

Boarding schools

From Mr Maurice Logan-Salton

Sir, It is a disappointment that the Education Bill does not at present include a facility for independent State (boarding) schools. One can foresee no other way of safeguarding boarding provision for those youngsters genuinely needing it.

Special schools and community homes with education (CHEs) constantly have their future threatened for thinly-disguised doctrinaire reasons and considerations of financial expediency. Currently faced with closure are Stockton Hall, North Yorkshire, and Mobberley, Manchester, the Royal Philanthropic, at Redhill, and the ILEA's Woolverstone Hall, the unique comprehensive boarding school.

Controlling authorities may try to avoid, or even conceal, a strong demand for places. CHEs and special schools have been closed without any attempt being made to market their facilities and skills. The loss of over half of the 120 CHEs in England and Wales since 1979, many famous names in the fight against juvenile crime, indicates that local authorities should never have been trusted with their guardianship. Directors of social services have not been *keen to offer courts constructive*, but expensive, residential alternatives to custody.

The equivalent training schools of Northern Ireland and former list D schools of Scotland have also not always received the support they have deserved from central government.

While there would be scope, in an amended Education Bill, to prevent further unnecessary, traumatic closures, ministers need not be alarmed at the cost of such an extension of "opting out". There are very few boarding establishments of any quality still surviving local authority control.

Yours faithfully,
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Tyne and Wear.

Rented housing

From the Chairman of the National House-Building Council

Sir, *The Times* (report and leading article, December 23) rightly suggests that more rented housing for poorer households would reduce the number of mortgage repossessions. The downside, which you do not mention, is that if all lower-income families remain renters then, unlike the better-off 64 per cent who own their home, they do not acquire a valuable asset which they can pass to their children. So the gap between rich and poor is perpetuated.

One way of reducing the scale of this problem would be to give grants to those council tenants, who otherwise could not quite afford it, to enable them to buy in the private sector. The houses which they vacated would then be immediately available for those on the waiting list who currently have no hope of buying.

The Treasury have resisted this proposal, partly on the grounds that although it is acceptable to sell a council house to a tenant at a discount of, say, £20,000 it is wrong to give a cash subsidy of less than half as much to enable the tenant to buy privately.

William Waldegrave [Minister for Housing and Planning] has publicly questioned the validity of this argument and one hopes that action will be taken in 1988.

Yours faithfully,
A. W. TAIT, Chairman,
National House-Building Council,
58 Portland Place, W1.
December 24.

Afghanistan solution

From Mr Julian Brazier, MP for Canterbury (Conservative)

Sir, The letter in your columns today (December 29) from Mr Zamyatin, the Soviet Ambassador, must be saddening to anyone who is anxious to see *glasnost* succeed and the ensuing agreements and understanding between East and West develop further. As Sir Geoffrey Howe said again last week, deeds must match words in Afghanistan.

Mr Zamyatin says, "National reconciliation is the only realistic way to a free, non-aligned, neutral Afghanistan without an ensuing bloodbath". That bloodbath is already taking place and has led to the flight of five million Afghans, a third of the population, into neighbouring countries. The scale of the Soviet brutality was testified to earlier this month in the House of Commons by speaker after speaker, from both sides of the Chamber, in a debate you reported in your columns (December 17).

Mr Zamyatin implicitly recognises that it is the Afghan people alone who are actually fighting the invaders (c.f. his reference to "foreign military aid to the Mujahidin"). He can hardly expect them to negotiate with a puppet government led by the former head of the Afghan secret police, installed and kept in power by the Red Army. Would the Soviet peoples have negotiated with a puppet installed on Soviet territory by Germany in the 1940s?

His call for the West to end its very limited aid to the gallant Mujahidin is disingenuous; it indicates that the only circumstances under which the Soviets plan to withdraw would be after crushing the resistance. This they are trying to do at Khost now.

There is no need for the bloodbath to continue. The solution is for the Soviet Union to withdraw; by doing so the USSR would give the world the clearest possible proof of the new leadership's peaceful intentions.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN BRAZIER,
House of Commons.
December 29.

Journalists in copyright dilemma

From Mr S. J. Williams

Sir, An amendment has been proposed in the House of Lords for the exclusion of newspapers, magazines and composite works from the new right of authors under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Bill to be identified and not to suffer unjustified modification of their works.

The Government, however, have decided to oppose the amendment, claiming that the right to be identified is not infringed unless it is asserted in accordance with clause 70 of the Bill. Thus, they say, editors of newspapers and magazines will be put on notice and will know when to identify the author.

This is a facile argument. Many newspaper and magazine articles are the product of one or more people – the contributor, the editor and the sub-editor among them. Any anonymous views expressed will be attributable to the newspaper or magazine concerned. They may well be the views of in-house journalists who, when the Act comes into force, will almost certainly work under contracts of employment with waiver clauses as standard terms.

The oddity is that if most freelance writers and journalists "assert" (and why shouldn't the National Union of Journalists recommend their members to do so in all circumstances?), the views expressed in any report or article may not be those of the original contributor.

Thus the editor's ultimate dilemma: whether to risk an action for non-identification or alternatively, false attribution of authorship.

The Government also states that modifications to author's works will be allowed if they are reasonable and non-prejudicial to the honour and reputation of the writer or journalist concerned. Try asking a busy editorial team, with a newspaper or magazine to produce in a matter of hours, whether they will be able to examine each freelance writer's honour and reputation and then apply the test of the man in the Clapham omnibus! Are writers and journalists who have been advised to and do assert their right to be identified seriously likely to waive their right not to suffer unjustified modification?

The amendment was opposed by the Government in the House of Lords on the very day the law lords declared that in most cases a journalist will be obliged to disclose his sources of information to the authorities. Thus in 24 hours, their lordships and the Government have decided to slow down, restrict and, in many cases, prevent the free flow of information to us all. This can only prove contrary to the public interest.

Yours assertively,
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December 24.

Abortion 'illogicality'

From Mr Michael Bell

Sir, Tessa Keswick (December 16) claims that if abortion was illegal between 18 and 24 weeks then the "termination of 5,000 or so of what are tragically the most very severely handicapped foetuses" could not take place.

On October 26, 1987, the Secretary of State for Social Services said in reply to a parliamentary question that only 648 abortions of handicapped children took place at 18 weeks or more of gestation in the last year for which figures were available.

These handicapped children were presumably detected by the usual tests, which do not normally indicate the degree of handicap. Therefore many of them would have been *minimally handicapped*. Many others would be suffering from forms of handicap which can now be successfully treated after birth. Others of them would be suffering from handicap such as Down's Syndrome, where the handicapped person can now often lead a very happy life, and achieve considerable attainment.

In fact, if a woman wants her unborn child to be tested for handicap there are tests which can be carried out much earlier in pregnancy. It is therefore by no means self-evident that if abortion was illegal between 18 and 24 weeks, fewer handicapped children would be aborted.

Yours sincerely,
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December 17.

Family life

From Professor Richard Whitfield

Sir, This festive season brings many family reunions. Yet 1986, like too many years before it, has witnessed the break-up of about another 600 British families *per day*.

Millions of our children are unsure if they are valuable to both their parents. Election year achieved little for family life in our country. Yet without sufficient strong, adaptive families, we have no society.

When the welfare of families becomes as important to Britain as the Stock Exchange, football and cricket, then the divorce rate will tumble, school achievement will rise dramatically, youngsters will drop out of delinquency, and neighbourhoods will be safe for people of all ages to live together.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD WHITFIELD
(Hon Chairman, National Campaign for the Family),
The National Family Trust,
c/o The Salvation Army (Legal Section),
101 Queen Victoria Street, EC4.
December 23.

Age of excellence

From Mr Mark Sudbury

Sir, Dr R. B. Jones (December 22) will be pleased to hear that he is not the only person to give the term "mature student" a new depth of meaning. The University of Sussex was proud to award a DPhil to James Thornley at its summer graduation ceremony on July 7 this year – by coincidence, Dr Thornley's 81st birthday.

Yours faithfully,
MARK SUDBURY,
The University of Sussex,
Sussex House,
Falmer,
Brighton, Sussex.
December 22.

Witch report?

From Mrs Elizabeth Trotter

Sir, As a *grandmother*, I think I must have had the most unusual present from a son-in-law – namely, an axe! On one side is written my name and on the other "to go with your broomstick"!

Yours sincerely,
ELIZABETH TROTTER,
Coldharbour,
Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire.
December 28.

ON THIS DAY

DECEMBER 31 1949

The regime of Bao Dai, supported by France, failed to obtain the support of the Vietnamese; the Communist forces led by Ho Chi-minh continued the war which ended in the defeat of the French in 1954 and, two years later, in the division of the country into North and South Vietnam – a partition which lasted until 1976

NEW STATE OF VIET NAM

FRENCH TRANSFER OF AUTHORITY

From Our Own Correspondent
PARIS, Dec. 30

At a ceremony in Saigon today the Emperor Bao Dai and M. Pignon, the French High Commissioner in Indo-China, signed a series of conventions implementing the terms of the Franco-Viet Nam agreement of last March. They mark a new and important phase in the creation of an independent Viet Nam within the framework of the French Union. The ratification of the texts by the French Assembly, which is still to come, is regarded as almost a foregone conclusion . . .

The Viet Nam Government will have complete jurisdiction over its own nationals. Special mixed courts will be set up to deal with cases involving Frenchmen. Public prosecutors will be Viet Namese, except in Saigon and Haiphong, where they will remain French for the next two years. All police and security services will be provided by the local authorities: a limited power is retained by the High Commissioner for the security of French troops. . .

To-day's ceremony in Saigon, apart from its importance to Viet Nam, marks a definite change in the whole trend of French policy in the Far East. *Le Monde*, in a penetrating analysis, regards it as the prelude to recognition of the new State by foreign Powers with which it will now enter into direct relations. . .

COMMUNIST OPPOSITION

Le Monde sees in this indication of French resolve to support Nationalist régimes in Asia, which it compares to the similar action of the British in India and the Dutch in Indonesia, a definite attempt to oppose the onrush of Communism. "This hope," it goes on to say, "explains both the encouragement the Emperor Bao Dai has received from abroad and the great difficulties he has still to face."

Certainly the transfer of jurisdiction to the Viet Nam Government, and the recognition of the new State by foreign Powers, are regarded in French officials circles as welcome reinforcement of prestige to the Bao Dai régime. In his message to the Emperor today the President of the Republic, who is also President of the French Union, expressed hopes for the return of peace to Viet Nam, "in the conviction that *nothing can now prevent* the rallying around your Majesty . . . of all sincere patriots whose legitimate aspirations have been satisfied."

Hitherto the efforts of the Emperor to break down the opposition of the Communist leader, *Ho Chi-minh*, and to rally the country have not met with much success. . .

These attempts began with the signing of the agreement with Ho Chi-minh in 1946. The renewal of hostilities at the end of that year led France to concentrate her hopes on the Emperor Bao Dai, then living in exile. It took two years of negotiations to persuade him to return to Indo-China and resume power. His reluctance appears, until now, to have been justified, and it remains to be seen whether his new *sovereign status will enable him*, with the help of French troops, to pacify the country. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM

December 30: The Princess Royal, President of the British Olympic Association, this evening attended a British Olympic Appeal reception at Middleton Tower, King's Lynn.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Norfolk (Mr Timothy Colman).

The Queen was represented by Lieutenant-Colonel Hanmer Hanbury (Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Bedfordshire) at the Funeral of Sir Douglas Howard (formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Montevideo) which was held in St Mary's Church, Clophill, Bedford this afternoon.

The Princess Royal, President of the Save the Children Fund, will present the Cellnet Award to the most promising British racing driver during 1987" at Guildhall on January 21.

The Duchess of York will attend the gala performance of *The Phantom of the Opera* at the Majestic Theatre, New York, on January 21.

Prince Edward will attend the presentation of the 1987 Laurence Olivier Awards at the Victoria Palace Theatre on January 24 and a reception and dinner to be held afterwards at Grosvenor House.

The Duchess of Kent will attend the *Evening Standard* British Film Awards at the Savoy Hotel on January 24.

The Princess Royal will open the World Summit of Ministers of Health on Programmes for AIDS Prevention in the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, Westminster, on January 26.

Birthdays today

Mr Douglas Anthony, CH, former Australian deputy prime minister, 58; Mr Glanvill Benn, publisher, 82; Sir George Blunden, deputy governor, Bank of England, 65; Mr Michael Bonallack, golfer, 53; Sir George Christie, chairman, Glyndebourne Productions, 53; Mr Stephen Cleobury, organist, 39; Air Marshal Sir Patrick Dunn, 75; Major-General J.D. Frost, 75; Mr Jack Hargreaves, broadcaster, 76; Mr Anthony Hopkins, actor, 50; Mr Ben Kingsley, actor, 44; Mr Peter May, chairman, selection committee, TCCB, 58; Mr Nathan Milstein, violinist, 83; Dr Valerie Pearl, president, New Hall, Cambridge, 61; M Jean-Pierre Rives, rugby player, 35; Sir Joshua Rowley, Lord Lieutenant of Suffolk, 67; Sir John Sainty, Clerk of the Parliaments, 53.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Charles Edward Stuart, Bonnie Prince Charlie, Rome, 1720; Giovanni Pascoli, poet, San Mauro di Romagna, 1855; Henri Matisse, Le Catean, 1869; George C. Marshall, general, statesman, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace laureate 1953; Uniontown, Pennsylvania, 1880.

DEATHS: John Flamsteed, first astronomer royal 1675-1719, London 1719; Gustave Courbet, painter, La Tour de Peilz, Switzerland, 1877; Miguel de Unamuno, philosopher and poet, Salamanca, Spain, 1936; Sir Malcolm Campbell, Reigate, Surrey, 1948.

Downside School

The Trustees of Downside School announce that a major sixth form scholarship has been established in memory of Mr and Mrs Anthony Dunford. Selection for this and other sixth form awards will be by examination on January 30 and 31, 1988. Details are available from The Bursar, Downside School, Stratton-on-the-Fosse, Bath, BA3 4RJ.

Appointment

Mr Brian Hawtin to be private secretary to Mr George Younger, Secretary of State for Defence. He succeeds Mr John Howe.

Tabley House sale alarm

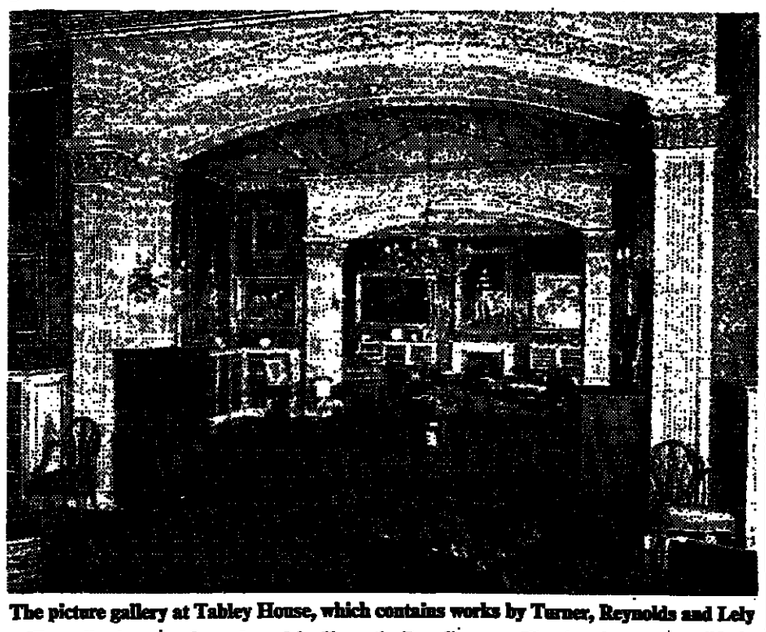
By John Young

Tabley House, a Palladian mansion near Knutsford, in Cheshire, is for sale and causing a stir. The mansion has been empty for several years but still contains a remarkable collection of pictures and furniture, including works by Turner, Lawrence, Reynolds and Lely.

It has been put on the market by Manchester University, but conservationist bodies, including the National Heritage Memorial Fund and Save Britain's Heritage, are surprised and alarmed by the university's alleged refusal to discuss the future of the house and its contents.

The entire estate, which includes nearly 400 acres of parkland and woods, 3,000 acres of tenanted farmland, a large stable block, eight cottages, three lodges, a walled garden with a swimming pool and two tennis courts, a 48 acre lake and the ruins of the moated mediaeval Tabley Old Hall, was bought by the university from the executors of the late Colonel John Leicester Warren for a reported £500,000 in 1975. It is now estimated to be worth in excess of £5 million.

Until a few years ago, the house, designed in 1761 by John Carr, of York, and listed Grade I, was used as a preparatory school. Since then it has been uninhabited and closed to the public, although three of the pictures were lent to the Treasure Houses of Britain exhibition in Washington last year.



The picture gallery at Tabley House, which contains works by Turner, Reynolds and Lely

The collection was formed by Sir John Leicester, later Lord de Tabley, in the middle of the last century and housed in a gallery designed by Thomas Harrison and described as "a complete survival of Regency taste."

Apart from the likely dispersal of the contents, conservationists are concerned about the possible conversion of the house into a hotel or residential apartments. Though, as a listed building, its interior is protected, they fear that its subdivision could be destructive.

Mr Kenneth Powell, secretary of Save Britain's Heritage, said yesterday that the university had consistently refused to discuss the future of the house and its collection with interested parties.

"As a responsible public body, it has a clear duty to try and keep Sir John Leicester's pictures at Tabley and to open the principal rooms periodically to the public", he said.

"It should consult with the National Heritage Memorial Fund and others so that a way can be found of achieving this. The time has come to lift the veil of secrecy."

Mr Graham Adnitt, regional director of Jackson Stopps & Staff, who are handling the sale, said last night that 18 bids had been received for the house, and a short list of three had been drawn up.

"I shall be meeting the Vice-Chancellor next month, but until then it would be quite wrong for me to disclose any details", he said. "The contents will stay where they are; there is no question of that."

Science report

Chilling model of air turbulence

By A Special Correspondent

Wind-tunnels have played a vital part in aircraft design for decades, enabling aero-engineers to test their ideas without having to risk lives or money.

However, conventional wind-tunnels suffer from one key defect. The air has a tendency to move smoothly over the model being tested, whereas in real aircraft the flow is more turbulent.

If aircraft are to be as fuel-efficient as possible, aero-engineers must have a proper understanding of turbulence, a principal cause of lost efficiency.

Since 1978, the United Kingdom, West Germany, France and the Netherlands have been designing the European Transonic Wind-tunnel (ETW), the first wind-tunnel able to accurately simulate this turbulence up to and beyond the speed of sound.

At the heart of its design is the concept of the Reynolds number, named after Osborne Reynolds (1842-1912), an early investigator of turbulence in fluids such as water and air.

The number is proportional to the speed of flow of the fluid multiplied by its density, divided by its viscosity, or "stickiness". Above a certain Reynolds number, turbulence takes over the flow of the fluid.

An everyday example of this is the flow of water from a tap. At low speeds, the column of water is perfectly smooth, but as the speed, and hence Reynolds number, is increased, the column of water breaks up into turbulence.

Yet as its definition shows, another way of increasing the Reynolds number that does not require extra speed is to increase the density and lower the viscosity of the fluid.

The ETW relies on the fact that gases become both denser and less viscous as they are cooled. Liquid nitrogen is to be used to cool the wind tunnel and the model under test to about minus 190 degrees C.

This will enable it to accurately simulate the effect of turbulence in aircraft travelling at simulated speeds of up to 1.3 times the speed of sound.

The design phase, almost complete, has an estimated cost of about £15 million, of which the United Kingdom is paying over a quarter split equally between the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Trade and Industry.

If construction is agreed, it will be built in Cologne, West Germany, and start operation in 1994/5.

Construction and the first three years of operation are estimated at about £230 million, after which it should be self-supporting.

The immense cost reflects the difficulties of running a one-metre diameter wind-tunnel at such cold temperatures.

One of the teams working on some of these problems is based at the Institute of Cryogenics at Southampton University. Professor Ralph Scurlock is leading a group of three researchers receiving £50,000 a year from the DTI to investigate the effect of very low temperatures on electronic circuits.

The aircraft models inside the ETW will be packed with electronics, in the form of microprocessors and more than 200 sensors and wires connecting them to computers.

Conventional silicon chips cannot be used because their plastic casings would shrink as they are cooled.

Professor Scurlock and his team are repackaging chips using ceramics and testing them at the low temperatures they would encounter.

Professor Scurlock says that the "cold electronics" work will have many applications outside of the ETW project.

Forthcoming marriages

The Rev N.B.P. Barry and Miss F.J. Thomas
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, son of the Rev Brian and Mrs Barry, of St Alban's Vicarage, Acton, and Felicity, daughter of the Rev David and Mrs Thomas, of Newton Vicarage, Swansea.

Mr D.J. Bowen and Miss J.L. Bird
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs H.W. Bowen, of Hutton, Essex, and Joanna, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Bird, of Coopersale, Essex.

Mr R.C. Burnell and Miss S.C. Day
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs I.D. Burnell, of Buckhurst Hill, Essex, and Susan, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs D.A. Day, of Leigh-on-Sea, Essex.

Mr W.R. Carver and Mrs C.L. Lawrence
The engagement is announced between William Ronald Carver, of Bidders Croft, Welland, Malvern, Worcestershire, and Charlotte Louise Lawrence (née Davis), of 26 Fairfax Road, Bedford Park, London, W4.

Lieutenant-Colonel P.G.C. Dunn and Miss P.J.H. Vickers
The engagement is announced between Patrick, elder son of the late Mr G.C. Dunn and Mrs R.M. Dunn, of Bruton, and Pennie, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.E.H. Vickers, of Papua New Guinea and Bruton, Somerset.

Mr N.B. Franks and Miss D.L. Long
The engagement is announced between Neil, son of Harold and Kathy Franks, and Deborah, daughter of Ellen Long and the late Ian Hyman and stepdaughter of Dr Merton Long.

Mr C. Koumoupias and Miss A. Kyprianou
The engagement is announced between Charles, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Mikis Koumoupias, of East Sheen, London, and Androulla, daughter of Mr and Mrs Costas Kyprianou, of Morphou, Cyprus.

Mr M.J.d'A. Sephton and Miss V.J. Dowd
The engagement is announced between Marcus, son of Mr and Mrs David Sephton, of Thriplow, Cambridge, and Virginia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.T. Dowd, of Cowbridge, South Glamorgan.

Mr D.M. Smith and Miss J.A. Neville
The engagement is announced between David Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Smith, of Leicester, and Judeth Anne, only daughter of Professor and Mrs A. Munro Neville, of Zürich, Switzerland.

Lieutenant A.G. Solleveld, RN, and Miss P.M. Isaac
The engagement is announced between Guy, elder son of Mr and Mrs E. Solleveld, of Hillbrow, Hampshire, and Pippa, daughter of Rear-Admiral and Mrs R.A. Isaac, of Bathampton, Avon.

Mr M.V. Steele and Miss F.C. Green
The engagement is announced between Mark, son of Mr and Mrs D.W. Steele, of Woodnook, Grantham, Lincolnshire, and Felicia, daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Green, of Heighington, Lincoln.

University news

Strathclyde

Grants:

Professor B Henderson, Dr D Birch, Dr K O'Donnell, £219,823 from Serc (study optical characterization exciton recombination and pico second relaxation effects in Zn (Cd) S (Se) superlattice).

Mr D Pritty, Dr J Buchanan, £196,670 from Serc (Alvey) (IKBS production control in heavy manufacturing industry).

Professor J Alty, Professor M Norman (Hull), £124,604 from Serc (Alvey) (research logic programming as an aid to man-machine communications).

Professor J Sherwood, Dr D Pugh, Dr R Bailey, Dr F Cruickshank, £140,843 from Serc (Leeds) (carry out research on organic opto-electronic materials).

Dr R Roberts, Professor J Sherwood, Dr F Walsh (Portsmouth Polytechnic), Dr J Robinson (Warwick), £148,152 from Serc (work on in-situ electrochemistry using synchotron radiation).

Professor J Sherwood, Dr D Sheen, £119,878 from the US Navy (carry out an investigation of the role of lattice defects in the reactivity of energetic materials and propellants).

Dr C MacDonald, Dr D Onions (Glasgow), £111,530 from Serc (work on overcoming limitations to the use of mammalian cell culture: genetic and physiological approaches).

Dr F Harrigan, Dr I McNicoll, Mr P McGregor, £200,000 from ESRC (micro-macro framework for regional modelling – an application to Scotland).

Heriot-Watt

Honorary degrees are to be conferred on:
Professor Jerald Ericksen, professor of mathematics and aerospace engineering and mechanics at Minnesota University (Doctor of Science); Mr Tiong Lay Yeoh, president of the Master Builders Association of Malaysia (Doctor of Engineering); Mr Ian Robertson, chairman of the governing body of Edinburgh College of Art since 1981 (Doctor of Letters); Mr Andrew A. Hughes, convener of the Building and Estates Committee of Heriot-Watt University Court since 1982 (Doctor of the University); Professor Hans Forsberg, executive director of the Royal Swedish Academy of Engineering Sciences (Doctor of Engineering); Lord Ross, Lord Justice-Clerk since 1985 (Doctor of the University).

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR JOHN HUMPHREY

Fundamental advances in immunology

Professor John Humphrey, CBE, FRS, died on Christmas Day, at the age of 72, after a lifetime spent in immunological research, much of it at the National Institute for Medical Research at Mill Hill. Latterly he was Professor of Immunology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, Hammersmith.

He may be said to have had two lives, one in science and the other in social and political action. He drove both these horses in tandem very effectively.

John Herbert Humphrey was born on December 16, 1915, and went to Winchester and Trinity College, Cambridge, of which he later became an Honorary Fellow (1986).

He took a First in Natural Sciences and then did his clinical training at University College Hospital, London, which, at that time, had an unusually brilliant staff in basic sciences, as well as in clinical medicine. Although his bent was always for science there is no doubt that this coruscating environment in his impressionable undergraduate years had a strong influence on his career.

After a number of appointments in research he joined the staff of the National Institute for Medical Research under Sir Charles Harington and subsequently under Sir Peter Medawar; here he quickly gained a leading position in the science of immunology, both nationally and internationally. This was a time when that branch of biology was in the forefront of scientific advance and he made a very significant contribution to this.

Humphrey always approached a biological problem as one pertaining to the whole animal, as a pathologist must but a biochemist need not. He remained a biochemist however in his reliance on meticulous quantification, wherever this was possible.

To keep this balance, between asking questions about cleaned-up, simplified and perhaps slightly unreal situations, and the messy, complex, and necessarily imprecise situations of the living creature, needs not just an enquiring mind but one of unusual elasticity and depth. This he possessed.

During Humphrey's time at the National Institute for Medical Research, the reputation of British immunology was at its peak. The NIMR was a sort of promised land for workers from all over the world and played a vital part in disseminating knowledge of immunological theory, critical thinking and sophisticated techniques.

Humphrey, by his friendly reception of important visitors from overseas, was instrumental in helping this process. Many a distinguished worker outside Britain has cause to remember with pleasure his period at the National Institute, owing to Humphrey's easy, undomineering but always stimulating leadership.

His own work led to fundamental advances in our understanding of such problems as the nature of antigen recognition and of tolerance.

When, quite near to retirement he took on a quite different sort of job as Professor of Immunology at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School, many people were surprised, but none who knew him well; he always found it hard to resist a challenge.

Humphrey was influential as a sort of roving ambassador, or peripatetic Wise Man for British science. He was always aware of the needs of other countries, not only in the sphere of information about advanced theories. The need for science to contribute responsibly to human welfare was always in his mind.

This was of a piece with his life-long devotion to the causes of World Peace and disarmament. Having been an Aldermaston marcher, he was Founder Chairman of the British-based Medical Campaign Against Nuclear Weapons (MCANW). Through them he was involved in setting up the International Physicians For Preventing Nuclear War.

His role in these, until increasing deafness made such work difficult for him, was of immense value.

Humphrey had a happy family life with his five children and his wife, Janet, whose father A. V. Hill, the physiologist, had a great influence on him. He had also been very close to his brother, Leslie, who died young, and took over the guardianship of his two children.

MR BERNARD HAILSTONE

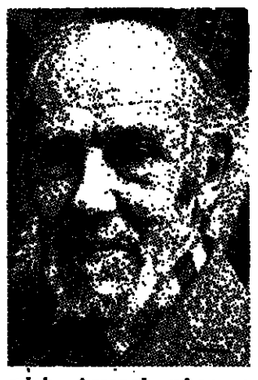
Bernard Hailstone, a past president of the Royal Society of Portrait Painters, and a notable war artist, died on December 27. He was 77.

Hailstone was a natural and gifted portraitist, always attracted by an interesting or pretty face. He painted members of the Royal Family, Sir Winston Churchill and distinguished admirals and generals, actors and musicians.

He was commissioned by *The Times* to sketch President Carter, but was equally happy painting ordinary men and women.

His career was varied and adventurous. He was born on October 6, 1910, and educated at The Judd School, Tonbridge; The Goldsmith School of Art, where he met his late wife, Joan, then a fellow student; and the Royal Academy Schools.

At the outbreak of war he was living in Blackheath, and he joined the Auxiliary Fire Service during the Blitz. On one occasion he had to seek shelter in the breech of a 14-inch naval gun in the Woolwich Arsenal when a munitions store exploded.



He did portraits of his comrades, as well as scenes from the Blitz, between putting out fires, and the proceeds of an exhibition at the Royal Academy were donated to the fire service's benevolent fund.

In 1941 the then Kenneth Clark asked him to become an official war artist. At first he was attached to the Ministry of Transport, painting scenes recording the British war effort. Later he captured on canvas the convoys in the Atlantic and Mediterranean.

Then, in 1944, he went out to South-East Asia Command, where he painted Lord Mountbatten and key members of his staff. These now hang in the Imperial War Museum.

He continued his travels after the war, mainly working in the United States.

His portrait of Lord Olivier hangs in the bar of the Garrick Club, an appropriate place for the work of such a happy and gregarious painter. He loved life, taking the rough with the smooth, but was happiest with a brush – any brush – in his hand.

This was apparent when he went to Washington in the 1960s to paint Mr Paul Mellon and other prominent people in the art world of the federal capital. Staying in a friend's house which needed repainting, he borrowed a ladder and completed the work between sittings.

He is survived by his son.

BISHOP VICTOR WHITSEY

The Right Rev Victor Whitsey, former Bishop of Chester, who died on Christmas Day, aged 71, was a blunt, yet warm hearted Lancastrian who loved the Church of England deeply. He claimed to be the only diocesan bishop who had also been a church warden.

Suspicious of ecclesiastical modernism, he expressed to the Anglican Association, of which he became patron in 1976, his horror that "a book" (*Christian Believing*) "concerning the doctrine of the church could be published without a single diocesan bishop sitting on the commission."

Hubert Victor Whitsey was born in Blackburn in November 1916 and went to Queen Elizabeth's Grammar school. He went on to the local technical college, after which he spent six years with the Midland Bank.

He saw wartime service with the Royal Artillery, becoming a lieutenant-colonel in 1945.

On demobilisation he read philosophy, politics and economics at St Edmund Hall, Oxford. He then went to Westcott House, Cambridge, as a theological student which led to his ordination in 1949.

By 1957 he was Assistant Rural Dean of Bolton. Thereafter he surpassed himself in the Manchester diocese between 1960 and 1968, as vicar of All Saints, Langley. He drove himself hard with home visiting, youth activity and with relief work. There were massive congregations, and in 1963 Whitsey became an honorary canon of Manchester.

By 1968 however, his health had suffered as a result of unrelenting work, and he moved to Downham near Clitheroe, where he became vicar of the parish. Here he recuperated and enjoyed putting straight the library at Downham Hall for his friend Ralph Assheton first baron Clitheroe.

In 1971 the Bishop of St Albans, Dr Robert Runcie, whom he had known at Westcott House, invited him to become one of his suffragans as Bishop of Hertford. Whitsey had the pastoral experience needed to complement Runcie's different background.

It was a wise choice and his help in reorganising various aspects of the diocesan structure proved entirely beneficial. He was essentially a northerner, however, so when in 1974 the diocese of Chester required such a person to follow Dr Gerald Ellison as 38th Bishop of Chester, Victor Whitsey looked the ideal candidate.

Soon after his arrival in Chester he instructed his clergy to show themselves for what they were and to wear clerical collars. He used the alternative service book when his duties required him to do so, but he disliked it and never possessed a copy of his own. From 1978 to 1982 he was patron of the Prayer Book Society which he supported with great enthusiasm.

His seven years as Bishop of Chester were full of energetic pastoral activity carried out in a no-nonsense style until, sadly, ill-health was again to intervene.

His dislike of Synodical government was total and the last article he wrote posed the question. "Was I ordained to serve a Kingdom or a committee?"

He is survived by his widow Jean, whom he married in 1950, and by two sons and a daughter.

SIR PETER SCARLETT

Sir Peter Scarlett, KCMG, KCVO, who died on December 28, at the age of 82, was Minister to the Holy See from 1960 to 1965, after a varied and eventful diplomatic career.

Peter William Shelley Yorke Scarlett was born on March 30, 1905, and went to Eton and Christ Church, Oxford. After going to the Foreign Office in 1929, he had stints in Cairo, Baghdad and Lisbon, followed by a period in Riga, as a Chargé d'Affaires in the closing years of the short-lived independence of the Baltic republics.

His next posting was Brussels, where, in May 1940, he was caught up in the German invasion and captured. He spent the next year interned with his ambassador, Sir Lancelot Oliphant, in a Berlin hotel.

Both were repatriated in September 1941, and Scarlett resumed his duties at the Foreign Office, where he was an adviser at the Political Warfare Executive.

After a number of posts, including an administrative job as Inspector of Diplomatic Establishments, Scarlett became Permanent British Deputy to the Council of Europe, in Strasbourg. Here, again, he found himself in administration, helping to tackle the administrative burden germane to the practical development of the European idea.

His first Embassy was Oslo, where a state visit by the Queen, brought his organizational powers into play, yet again.

In retirement, after his Vatican post, Scarlett was, from 1967 to 1971, chairman of the Cathedrals Advisory Committee. The preservation of the crumbling cathedral heritage was a constant concern, and during this period he oversaw the founding of a committee whose brief was to provide information about the availability of suitable stone for repair and renovation.

He leaves his widow, Elisabeth, three daughters and a son.

CHARLES MALIK

Charles Malik, a former Lebanese foreign minister, died on December 28.

He was one of the two surviving signatories of the UN Charter, which he helped to write.

A Greek Orthodox fundamentalist Christian, Malik taught at the American University of Beirut.

He was a Lebanese delegate to the United Nations from 1945 to 1954.

Malik was Lebanon's Ambassador to the United States in the early 1950s and he was foreign minister from 1956 to 1958.

He participated in negotiations between his government and the United States after the 1958 Lebanese civil war which led to the landing of US Marines in Beirut.

After civil war broke out again in Lebanon, in 1975, his political career was limited to dealing with Christian affairs. He participated in forming the Lebanese Front, the main coalition of Christian political parties and militias.

Half-yearly promotions in the Forces

ROYAL NAVY

The provisional Royal Navy and Royal Marines selections for promotion on the General List to date December 31, 1987, are confirmed.

The following provisional selections have been made for promotion to date June 30, 1988:

Seaman:
To Captain: C.M. Sloane, R. Harding, A.J.C. Morrow, C.T. Langdon, D.P.C. Russell, A.M. Gregory, A.B. Gough, J.R. Cartwright, J. Baird.
To Commander: G.J. Merrett, R.G. Allen, J.R.M. Prime, D.C. Widgery, M.W. Sienning, S.M. Pegg, R.J. Clapp, C.C. Peach, I.G. Edgeler, H.N. Gale, Q.C.L. Bunting, R.J.K. Burston, J.H. Gordon, D.R.D. Teer, I.K. Goddard, A.J. Johns, D.J. Russell, J. Welch, G.F. Baxter, J.R. Fanshawe, C.R. Style.

Engineering:
To Captain: I. Brannan, J.D. Bass, C.J. Childs, N.J.B. Morrison, J.A. Bremon, R.A. Rowley, R.C. Kerr.
To Commander: I.D. Lamb, E.R. Robinson, I.A. Bolden, R.G.W. Nice, M.S. Underdown, W.R. Girtin, G.A. Farnacie, A. Smith, M.J. Burlingham, G.W. Browne, R.A. Lindley, L.I.W. Richardson, R.G.Le Fluy, C.R. English, I.L. Jarvis, J.R. Wills, D.J. Maclean, R.D. Finlayson.

Supply and Secretariat:
To Captain: R.H.S. Thompson, A.M. Crawford, P.A. Dust.
To Commander: M.G. Thomas, N.D. Savage, D.M. Lancaster, W.D. Steele, P.E. Godwin, A.F.L. Watson.

Instructor:
To Captain: D.C. Murray.
To Commander: R.C. Thorne, R. Bramhall, D.L. Stanesby, D.R. Clarke.

Medical:
To Surgeon Captain: D.M. Crean, K.H. Sugars.
To Surgeon Commander: D.W. Somerville, M.J. Fox, P. Litchfield, A.R.O. Miller.

Dental:
To Surgeon Commander(D): J.H. Harker.

ROYAL MARINES

To Colonel: M.A. Taffinder.
To Lieutenant Colonel: G.F. Smart, R.E. Dillon.
To Major: P.A. Wilson, C.J. Nunn, M.P. Hitchcock, N.E. Pounds, M. Sherman.

ARMY

The Ministry of Defence announces the following Army promotions, all effective from December 31, 1987:

Colonel and lieutenant colonel to Brigadier: M.G.R. Anderson, late RA. C.J. Beauchamp, late 2GR. E.F.G. Burton, late RA. G.B.L. Campbell, late RE. R.A.A. Cordy-Simpson, late 13/18H. B.H. Dutton, late D and D. A.F. Eastburn, late R Signals. A.W. Freemantle, late R Hamps. P.F. Glass, late REME. S.C. Grant, late RE. M.G. Hunt-Davis, late 7QR. J.M. Lucken, late RE. H.W.R. Pike, late Para. P.J. Sanders, late RTR. P.J. Silcock, late RRF. M.J.D. Walker, late R Anglian. D.S. Williams, late RA. H.A. Wootnough, late WFR. R. Wood, late RE. T.C. Sherry, late RAEC.

Lieutenant-colonel to colonel: P.A.J. Corrimiger, 5 Inns DG. D.W. Fox, AAC. M.A. Oliverson, RAOC. J.W.N. Kincaid, RA. A.C. Massey, RCT. R.F. Stewart, RCT. B.J. Wilkins, R Hamps. H.G. Willmore, Staffs. K. Woodrow, R Anglian. M.S.G. Blythe, RAEC. M.A. Browne, RE. I.P.C. Pool, Major to lieutenant-colonel:

Royal Armoured Corps: R.J. Morris, 4/7DG. J.F.B. Sharples, Scots DG. D.B. Simpson, 17/21L.
Royal Regiment of Artillery: R.R.H. Clayton, A.P.N. Currie, J.P.R. Hinton, M.T.P. Hyland, C.D. Lunn, N. Neame, R.D. Shaw-Brown.
Corps of Royal Engineers: J.S. Field, D.J. Hornby, I.H. Johnson, N.F. Mulliner.
Royal Corps of Signals: A.W. Merrick, C.V. Nind.
Infantry, The Scottish Division: N.J.C Washington, QO Highrs.
The Queen's Division: C.G.F. Charlwr, Queens. T. Longland, R Anglian, K.R. Whiteman, RRF.
The King's Division: P.J. Mellor, DWR. J.R. Westlake, KO Border.
The Prince of Wales's Division: C.J. Parslow, DERR. R.P. Steptoe, D and D. R.A. Stewart, Cheshire.
Parachute Regiment: B.K. Martin, Para.
The Army Air Corps: M.D. Webb.
The Royal Corps of Transport: D.P.C. Cairns, K.M. Tutt.
Royal Army Ordnance Corps: C.M. Ashcroft, C. Field, L.M. Williams, R.T. Wyborn.
Royal Corps of Electrical and Mechanical Engineers: N.D. Ross.
Royal Army Educational Corps: D.G. Beddiss, J. Birkbeck, J.L. Gliders, J.F. Taylor.
Army Catering Corps: P.T. Hirst.
Women's Royal Army Corps: J.A. Flaks, M.A. Harwood.

ROYAL AIR FORCE

The Ministry of Defence announces the following RAF Promotions, all effective from January 1, 1988.

Air rank promotions

Air commodore to air vice-marshal: R.H. Wood, R.M. Austin, A.A.G. Woodford.

Group captain to air commodore: J.A. Cheshire, C.W. Bruce, M.J. Millidge, D.J. Loveridge, D. Emmerson, N.J.G. Hodnett, A.E. Knox, G.H.E. Mitchell, J.B. Thorne, J.F. Jarvis.

General duties branch

Wing commander to group captain: R. Cobb, K.J. Dearman, G.G. Dunn, M.J. Elliott, D.J. Hamilton-Trump, B.C. Lalle, R.J. Gowring, M.K. Widdowson, R.J. Wharmby, J.A.F. Fors, R.D. Elder.

Squadron leader to wing commander: R.W. Gibb, D.G. Morris, R.N.S. Sims, C.A. Humphrey, R.M.S. Cook, J.R. Brown, K.A. Pilbeam, R.J. Carr-Wright, D.R. Carden, C. Thurlow, J.R. Whitston, W.R. Southcombe, M.J. O'Connor, D.J. Drew, K.E. Skinner, B. Hunt, A.J. Brookes, B.W. Johnson, R.D. Clements, R.E. Whooley, A.H.C. Dyer-Perry, H. Reid, R.J. Cassady, M.G. Lloyd, A.D. Moir, A.W. Cope, P. Gallis, P.A. Robinson, P.B. Walker, R.J. Hazell.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: K. Walker, C.L. Davis, C.J. Dark, C.E. Brixton, J.W. Hamlin, S.B. Cox, T.W.McR. Campbell, R. Yates, A.R. Grahaim, A.K. Bryan, M.V.D. Sparrow, B.R. Withers, M.W. Bolton, C.J. Cook, C. Gibbons, R.J. Hoar, D.W. Frost, M.S. Rees, J.D. Nixon, A.L. Parker, R.M. Aspinall, E. Stevenson, A.R. Bodiam, P.J. Lander, G.F. Clifford, P.N. Harborne, K.R. McCallum, A.S. Deacon-Elliott, J.K. Macartney, R.W.H Norris, R.M. Lund, D.A. Earp, R. Cullingworth, W.J. Mediand, H.E. Newton, S.P. Morgan, D.J. Trembaczowski-Ryder, C.P. Hull, S. Barrett, P.A.L. Beadle, C.S. Lennon, R.C. Tomlin, M.C. Edwards, R.A. Milnes, P.R. Watling, P.R.J. Lloyd, R.N. Randerson, W.P.W. Brown, R.A. Jackson, V.E. Rose, K.M. Thomson, M. Dobson, D.B. Snow, G. Thomas, R.G. Larking, M. Chatterton, P. Walmsley, S.C. Smith, G.D. Darrun, J. Wroe, G. Philip, G.C. Sigley, S.L. Bates, M.M. Eley, J.P.S. Eyres, R.C. Wilkey, K.M.F. Mckaille, H.A. Davies, S.F. Warren, G.M. Stapleton, R.P. Chambers, J.M. McGrory, D.S. Jenkins, J.B. Megarry, A.J. Burtenshaw, G.R. Evans, C.M. Clapham.

General duties (Ground) branch

Squadron leader to wing commander: D. Stewart, M.P.A. O'Hagan, D.J. Hodge, A.A. Gill.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: C.F.C. Horner, P.L. Sinclair, C.J. Carvell, R.L. Dingwall, D.M. George, K.F. Tully, S.McR.C. Boe, J.D. Benton, F.G.M. Gifford, A.D. Smith, M.J. Bardsley, A.M. Radforth, E.H. Bulpett, P.O. Gardiner, J.C. Duncan.

Photographic interpretation branch

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: D.J. Tester.

Engineer branch

Wing commander to group captain: R.C.R. Johnston, M.J.S. Palmer, C.J. McQuillan, R.H. Fletcher, P.J. O'Reilly.

Squadron leader to wing commander: J.R. Patterson, S. Brayshaw, B.G. Charaberis, L.A. Trevrin, D.H.W. Backhouse, N.V. Vaughan-smith, E.B. Lockett, A.K. Cooper, B.G. Bate, D.J. Cockerington, S. Walcroft, M.R. Hughes, G.S. Lynn, D.P. Yates, L.M.P. Walsh, B.L. Sobey, F.M. Denton-Powell, M.R. Patel.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: A. Parsons, A. Fletcher, C.C. Bulman, J.F. Bradley, A.C. Holdstock, T.J. Gibson, D.A. Bruce, D.M.J. Pimm, C.B. Weaver, P. Halling, R.D.A. Cockroft, K. Schuddins, S.G. Brough, P.J. Driver, R. Gullick, G.H. Chadwick, K.M. Adams, J.P. Washington-Smith, S.D. Priestley, J.R. Nisbet, S.C. Berriman, S.J. Chamberlain, C.E. Biore, D. Foden, D.F. Robinson, I. Mowat, R.J. Barwell, R.A. Pickerill, D. Scothern, M. Johnson, P.R. Harris, R.C. Crouch, G. Bell, C.J. Shorrock, J.P. Bagnot, C.A.R. Burgess, W.R. Walker, P.D. Grainger, G.E. McElroy, P.J.F. Hands, D. Warrender, C. Bagley, P. Loveley, K.C. Earnden, D. Marshall, D.J. Tanner, J.K. Meagher, J.C.P. Achilles, G.R. Pardt, A.R. Mills, R.E. Rocca, J.E. Doel, A. Leonard.

Supply branch

Wing commander to group captain: J.J. Leary, G.R. James, J.M. Walker.

Squadron leader to wing commander: R.P. Slayter, C.J. Cummings, B.W. Trench, M.J. Sale, D.M. Wesley, J.H. MacDonald, J.A. Thomas, R.J. Wallis, G.S. Britton, D. Jennings, M.R. Duguid, D.I. Kendrick, J.M.A. Mayo, D.J. Nicol, P.T.W. Leaning.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: D.R. Stone, P.D.G. Philo, J.C. Pope, B.C. Devlin, N.L. Bentley, A.A. Gallaugher, D. Blevins, G.M. Farquharson, A.F. Gant, R.A.A. Forster, J.W. Fisher, I.D. Drake, J.M. Davey, P.K. Phillips, D.A. Cook, T.R. Dorman, J.C. Knights, A.K. Kopp, N.A. Sheppard, G.L. Nolan, R. Cowper, R.C. Harris, W.L. Neal WRAF, W.E. Manon, T.J. Patch, P.N. Vollzenlogel, N.R. Chandler, R.E. Husband, T.A. James.

Administrative branch

Wing commander to group captain: P.M. Marshall, C.D. Alexander, P.F.A. Canning, R.S.R. Lloyd, R.H. Smith, K. Edwards, P.C. Bud.

Wing commander to group captain (WRAF): R.M.B. Montague WRAF.

Squadron leader to wing commander: J.A. Evans WRAF, C.T.M. Nelson, J.A. Drummond, C.W. Pratt, J.M. Postler, R.L. Brading, M.F. Jordan, A.S. Hargreaves, C.J. Parsons, P.C. Dingwall, D. McTeer, J.W. Sutherland, M.J. Pettifer, S.W. Cadogan, D.F. Willson, G.P.C. Wooding, I.R.McN. Spalding, T.J. Gerrard, J.C.O. Lusk, J.A. Collier, M.A.M. Kidd, T.J. Pink, R. Peacock.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: A.G. Hill, J.R. Long, J.S.W. Scott, E. Fraser, R.R. Toone, R.J. Wooding, J.W. Edwards, M.H. Harryman, D.F.G. Learner, S.E. Roberts WRAF, G.E.P. Pattenden, S. Smith, D.I. Wynn, V.A. Weller WRAF, I.G. Pope, D. Clark, P.J. Morris, P. Nash, P.M. Cowper, L.C. Abey-Koch, R.J. Puddy, D.J. Morrison, K.J. Plumb, M.H. Washington-Smith WRAF, A.J. Burton, S.C. Wood, C.P. Nelson, S.M. Wilkinhurst-Smith, G.C. Parsons, P.J. Hibberd, P.J. McGahan, M.J. Murray, P.G. North, C.M. Woodman WRAF, S.F.G. Lorimer, C.R. Stadham, C.C. Mann, A.J.E. Trotman, M. Johnson, C.A. Steilmacher, S. McNaughton, P.W.M. Creagh, B.T. Clarking, B.J. Tompsett WRAF, R.A.J. Hall, D.J. Dutake, G.D. Little, S.P.J. Lilley, W. Armstrong, D.J. Turner.

Security branch

Wing commander to group captain: I.W.P. McNeil

Squadron leader to wing commander: J.J. Murphy, B. Hicks, S.H. Anderton, G. Castle, L.J.F. Barnes.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: J.S. Page, N.G. Tucker, R.S. Booth, J.A. Ingham, R. Chalkin, C.B. Winter, L.J. Whitehead, M.A. Rix, J. Lackey, A.P. Wilson, I.F. Sadler, J.G. Kilcoyne, K.S. Hack.

Medical branch

Air commodore to air vice-marshal: N.H. Mills.

Wing commander to group captain: A.F. Johnson.

Dental branch

Group captain to air commodore: J. Mackey.

Wing commander to group captain: D.W. Marchant, G.S. Wilson.

Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service

Wing commander to group captain: E.A.I. Sandison.

Squadron leader to wing commander: R.C. Manning.

Medical secretarial branch

Squadron leader to wing commander: J. Wright.

Flight lieutenant to squadron leader: A.N. Green.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Exalt wisdom and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.
Proverbs 4 : 8

BIRTHS

BARRAND FARR - On April 14th, in Versailles to Tish (née Barchard) and Farl, a son, Dominic Xavier, a brother for Johnny.

BIGGINS - On December 22nd, at Kingston Hospital, to Susan (née Dunn) and Alan, a son Alistair Peter Charles. Deo Gratias.

BRETTKEYER - On December 28th 1987, to Henrietta (née Bilcon) and Timothy, a daughter Sophie Rebecca.

DENSHAM - On December 22nd, in Bristol to Linty (née Baldwin) and Ryan a son, George, a brother for Emily and Henry.

HINKS - On December 28th 1987, to Susan (née Heire) and Frank, a son, Benjamin Stewart, brother to Julius and Alexander.

LAGDEN - On December 24th, at Farnborough Hospital, Kent, to Hilary (née Waldron) and Bruce, a son, James Edward, a brother for Caroline.

LEACH - On December 19th, to Jane (née Williams) and Stephen, a daughter, Catherine Saskia, a sister for Anna.

MAUDE-ROXBY - On December 22nd, to Phyllida and Mike, a daughter, Jessica, a sister for Alastair and Patrick.

MAY - On December 22nd, to Gillian (née Wyatt) and Robin, a daughter, Jennifer Emily.

MOSELEY - On Christmas Day, to Kaye (née Benson) and Nicholas, a daughter, Emma.

PARKER - On Monday December 28th, to Ian and Anthea, a daughter, Holly Louise.

REED - On Christmas Eve 1987, to Deborah (née Wood) and Nicholas, a daughter, Holly Elizabeth.

REYNOLDS - On December 29th, at St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth, to Anne (née Albone) and David, a son George Edward Womersley, a brother for Sarah.

ROUND - On December 24th, to Ingrid (née Brown) and Peter, a son, David Adrian.

SEGAR - On Tuesday December 22nd, at Queen Charlottes Hospital, to Victoria (née Webb) and Patrick, a daughter, Cecilia Noelle Chemndy, a sister for Alexandra and Imogen.

SHERVILLE - On December 27th, at St. Georges Hospital, to Carol (née Neck) and Andrew, a son, Daniel Maxwell.

THICKETT - On December 23rd, to Catherine and Peter, a daughter, Sarah Frances.

THOMSON - On December 27th, to Anthea (née Maccoy) and David, a daughter, Catherine Francesca.

TODD - On December 27th 1987, to Anabelle (née Carmichael) and Gregory, a son, Jack Peter Graham.

UPLAND - On December 21st 1987, to Jane (née Rasesport) and Richard, a son, James Edward Alexander.

WALLS - On December 27th, to Jackie (née Newton) and Sandy a son Joshua John, a brother to Samantha, Benjamin and Oliver.

WEAVER - On Boxing Day, to Amanda (née Pryce) and Sam, a son, Benjamin George.

WEST - On December 28th, to Isabelle (née Botzie) and John, a daughter, Sophie.

DEATHS

AGAR - On Friday December 25th, peacefully, Olive Clare of Clare Park Farnham in her 91st year, widow of the late Major EWT Agar MC IOSB private cremation, no flowers please.

ANDERSON - On December 24th, suddenly after a short illness in Kingston Hospital, Jean Lockerbie (née McNicol) dearly beloved wife of Ralph Anderson, in her 63rd year. Cremation service at Kingston upon Thames Crematorium at 11.30 on Thursday 7th January. All enquiries and flowers to Fareshotter Funeral Service, 21 London Rd, Kingston 01 546 3225.

BALFOUR - On December 29th 1987, suddenly at The Royal Infirmary Edinburgh, Andrew (late of Diamond and Leonora Estates Guyana) beloved husband of Eileen Ruth, much loved father to Andrew and Bill, dear Grandad to Jonathon, Christopher, Andrea and Katherine. Funeral service at St Andrews Church, West Linton on Wednesday January 6th at 1.30pm thereafter to West Linton Cemetry for 2pm approximately, to which all friends are invited.

BARBER On Christmas Day, in Wimbledon, Emma Mary Patricia (nee Dresser) aged 75 years. Beloved wife for nearly 50 years of Phillip. Dearly loved mother of Martin and Sarah and grandmother of Katie, Theo, William, Rosie and Tom. Funeral service at 1.30pm on Monday 4th Jan 1988 at Putney Vale Crematorium, Kingston Road. SW15. Enquiries to Fredk W Paine, Funeral Director. 01- 946 1974.

BESSEL - On December 24th, peacefully at home, Violet Alice, most beloved wife and mother. Service of Thanksgiving at a later date.

BIBBY - On December 24th, at the Westminster Hospital, Anne Mary Jean much loved sister, aunt, niece, cousin, and friend to so many. Cremation on January 7th at 2.15pm at Putney Crematorium. White and Yellow bunches of flowers or donations to The Cancer Help Centre, Grove House, Carwalleze Road, Chiton, Bristol, BS6 6PG. Enquiries to John Hemp Funeral Directors. Tel 01 229 5544.

BOYD - On December 23rd, peacefully at her home in Wetherby with great dignity after a long illness courageously bourne, Margaret Grace beloved wife of Alastair and mother of Isobel. Funeral Service was held on Tuesday 29th December.

BOYER - On December 25th, Henry John aged 86, devoted husband of the late Edith, beloved father, grandfather and greatgrandfather. Formerly of St Albans, and British Rail, Euston. Funeral at 10.00am, 2nd January, St Mary's Church, Studham. No flowers.

BRAGGINS - On December 27th 1987, peacefully at home, Daphne E. Braggins M.A., Mus., D., F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M., aged 71 years of Bedford. Sister of Derek. Funeral service on Tuesday January 5th at 2.00pm at Bedford Crematorium. No flowers by request. If desired, donations for St John's Home, Mogerhanger, may be sent to L.C.J. Arnold Funeral Directors, 48 Rolf Avenue, Bedford. MK41 7TE.

BRAUNHOLTZ - On December 27th, peacefully at the Moorhouse Nursing Home, Hindhead, Florence Margaret (née Blaiklock) in her 90th year. Beloved wife of the late Walter and mother of Primrose and John, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Chiddingfold at 2pm on Monday January 4th. Family flowers only please to Gould and Chapman, Crossways Road, Grayshott, Hindhead, Surrey. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

BUNFIELD - On 28th December, suddenly, Euphemia (Phemie) Margaret, beloved wife of George and a dearly loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at Nettlebed Parish Church on Monday 4th January at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to the Sue Ryder Home, Nettlebed.

BUTLER - On December 25th, peacefully in hospital, Commander Terence who will be much missed by his five daughters.

COYLE - On December 25th, peacefully, Mrs Lilian Edith Coyle, aged 91. Cremation service at Golders Green on Tuesday 5th January at 2.20pm. Flowers to Leverton & Sons, 624 Finchley Road, NW11 - by 1pm.

CRIDDLE - On December 26th 1987 after a long illness borne with the greatest of courage, John Leigh Criddle (Solicitor) of Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Much loved husband of Marnie. Funeral service at St. Bartholomew's Church, Benton on Thursday December 31st at 11.30am followed by private interment. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to North of England Cancer Campaign, 17a Saville Row, Newcastle.

CROSBIE DAWSON - On December 27th, Gillian, peacefully at home after a long illness bravely borne. Beloved wife, mother and grandmother. Funeral Service at St. Mary's Ovarton on Friday 1st January at 11.30. No flowers or letters.

DARLEY- On December 29th peacefully at home in her 96th year, Gwladys Gordon Norrie-"Mattie" widow of the late Thomas Darley of Thorne and Cantley. Funeral service at Thorne Parish Church at 2pm on Thursday 7th January. Family flowers only to Hickings Funeral Service, 6 Church Lane Adwick-Le-Street, Doncaster. Donations in her memory if desired to The Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for children, 14 Abingdon Road, London, W8.

DAVIES - On December 28th, peacefully at Elm Grove Nursing home, Somerton Road, Cirencester, aged 96, Katharine Hannay O.B.E., widow of Herbert Barre Davies. Cremation at Gloucester crematorium on Wednesday 6th January at 11.00 am.

DOWSON - On December 28th 1987, peacefully at her home in Curry Rival, Somerset after a long illness patiently borne, Kate aged 73 years. Much loved wife of Peter, mother of Gillian, Phyllida and Charles. A Service of Thanksgiving will be held at St. Andrews Church, Curry Rival on Wednesday January 6th at 11.30 am. Enquiries and donations if desired for the Royal Institute for The Blind may be forwarded to W.A. Forsey & Son Ltd, Pound Pool, Somerton, Somerset.

EVANS - On December 27th, Canon George William, aged 95 years, peacefully in Lewes Hospital. Funeral at Ringmer Parish Church, Thursday December 31st at 11.30am. No flowers by request but donations to Missions To Seamen.

GLASBROOK - At Christmas, suddenly, David Philip Andrew. Beloved son of David Stanley and the late Marrianne Glasbrook. Funeral at St. Saviours, Dartmouth, at 2.30pm Monday 4th January. No flowers please, if desired donations to R.N.L.I., c/o Nat West Bank, Dartmouth.

HAILSTONE - On December 27th, at St Stephen's Hospital, Chelsea, Bernard Hailstone R. P. aged 77 years. Missed by a loving family and many friends. There will be a memorial service at 2.00pm on January 6th at St Mary's, Hadlow, Kent, following a private cremation. Family flowers only by request, but donations if desired to Artists General Benevolent Institution, Burlington House, London W1. Further details from W.F. Groombridge, Tonbridge. 0732 353964.

HARLEY - On December 24th 1987, peacefully in Montreal after a long illness, Patricia Lily Benzies, wife of Dr. John K Harley.

HEATH - On December 27th, peacefully, Betty dearly loved mother of Simon and sister of Felicia and devoted grandmother of Sarah and Philippa. Funeral Monday 4th January 2.00pm. St. Andrews Church Kingswood. Family flowers only, donations in her memory to Tadworth Court Childrens Hospital, Tadworth Surrey.

HEBDITCH - On December 28th, at her home, New Cross Fruit Farm, South Petherton, Heather Margaret aged 62. Beloved mother of Rachel, Elaine and William. Loving grandmother of Thomas, James Alexander, Benjamin and David. Funeral service at St Martin's Church, Kingsbury Episcopi on Tuesday January 5th at 2.00pm. Donations to Marie Curie Memorial Foundation, c/o Irish & Denman Funeral Directors, Palmer Street, South Petherton, Somerset. Telephone 0460 40348.

HENLEY - On December 26th, Christmas Morning, peacefully in his sleep, Tony, much loved husband of Lotti, father of Alix and Marcus, father in law of Fred and Anita, and grandfather of Edward, Alexander, Tessa and Fia. Funeral mass will be at Our Lady of Dolours, 264 Fulham Road, London at 11.00am, on Monday January 4th.

HODGSON - On December 26th, Charles Ralph D.S.O., O.B.E., husband of Barbara at home in Otley, Dursley. Service at Otley, Tuesday 12th January at 2 pm. no flowers.

HUGHES - On December 26th 1987, Col. Hampden Ashburner (Peter) D.S.O., M.B.E., J.P., Beloved husband, father, stepfather, father-in-law, grandfather. Funeral Thursday 7th January 11.30am at St. John The Baptist Church, Andover followed by Cremation. No flowers. Donations to Berehill House Nursing Home, Whitchurch, Hampshire if desired.

JONES - On December 27th 1987, Albert Hall, aged 68, beloved husband of Joan for 46 years, father of Kevin and grandfather of William. Sleep peacefully until God willing we meet again. Service and cremation at Landican Crematorium Birkenhead on Monday 4th January at 9.30am.

KEELING - On December 24th, peacefully at East Preston, Sussex, aged 80 years, the Rev. Canon John Nevill, Assistant Chaplin-in-Chief RAF (rtd), Vicar of Brighton (rtd), Canon Emeritus of Chichester, beloved husband of Beryl, father of Peter and John, grandfather to his six grandchildren. Funeral at St. Peter's Church, York Place, Brighton at 11.30am on Tuesday January 5th. Family flowers only. Donations to St. Peter's Choral Foundation, c/o 87 London Road, Brighton.

LUCAS - On December 26th, peacefully at home after a long illness borne with great valour, Peter, deeply loved husband of Caroline, son of Peggy. Funeral Golders Green Crematorium Tuesday 5th January at 12.50pm. Enquiries to Leverton & Sons, 624 Finchley Road, London NW11.

LUSTY - Peacefully on Christmas Day, Theresa, widow of William Kennard Lusty, dearly Loved mother of the late Jack Lusty and grandmother of Sarah. Service on Tuesday 5th January, Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton at 2pm. No flowers or letters please but donations if so desired to Tarna Home, c/o Hannington Funeral Directors Ltd, 4/5 Montefiore Road, Hove. Tel. (0273) 778733.

MAY - On December 26th, peacefully in hospital after a short illness, Alfred George (Freddy) aged 74, of Sedlescombe, formerly of Bromley Grammar School. Dearest father of Sonia, and grandfather of Elizabeth and Rosie. Beloved brother of Win and husband of the late Lalla and Charlotte. Cremation at Hastings Crematorium on Thursday January 7th at 11.00am. Enquiries to, Hinkleys Funeral Service. Tel (0424) 722461.

McGAW - On December 29th, at Mount Alvernia Hospital, Guilford, Ray, second son of the late Jack and Pauline McGaw, aged 84. Funeral at Guilford Crematorium on Monday January 4th at 10.30am. No flowers please but donations if desired to Charterhouse Mission, 40 Tabard St, London, SE1 4JU. All friends welcome.

MUNTHE - On December 20th, suddenly abroad, Ann Felicity (née Rea) dearly loved mother of Adam, Guy and Katriona, grandmother of Tori and Tobi and wife of Malcolm. Funeral strictly private details of a Service of Thanksgiving for her life will be announced later.

MINORSKY - On December 27th 1987, Tatiana of Batemen Street, Cambridge peacefully, aged 94 years. Widow of the late Professor Vladimir Minorsky of London University. Funeral Service at Cambridge City Crematorium on Tuesday January 5th 1988 at 9.30 am. Flowers maybe sent to Harry Williams & Sons, 7 Victoria Park, Cambridge.

MUSPRATT - On December 28th, peacefully aged 86, Rosamonde, widow of General Sir Sydney Musprat. Much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral service at St. John the Baptist Church, Alresford on Monday January 4th at 3.00pm. No flowers please.

O'NEIL - On December 26th, suddenly at home, Joseph William, aged 81 years of Cleadon Village, South Tyneside, most dearly beloved husband of Sheila and a dear dad of Marie, Alison and David also a loved brother of Kathleen and Brian, a dear brother-in-law of Harry and Sylvia. To be received in to St Gregory's R.C. Church on Monday 4th January at 6.00pm. A requiem mass on Tuesday 5th January at 10.00am followed by interment at Harton Cemetary at 11.00am. Friends please meet at church or cemetary. Eternal rest grant unto him o lord.

PENNY - On December 28th, in hospital, Eileen (née Harford). Beloved wife of Charles and devoted mother of Kenneth and Rodney. Dearly loved nanny, sister and mother-in-law. Sadly missed by all who knew her. Funeral service at The Church of the Transfiguration, Canford Cliffs, Poole on Monday January 4th at 11.30am followed by interment in Parkstone Cemetery. Flowers to Tapper Funeral Service, 32-34 Parkstone Road, Poole, Dorset.

PLATT - On December 24th, 1987, peacefully at Bath, aged 86, Lalla, beloved mother and Grandmother. Funeral at Bath Crematorium, Tuesday 4th January at 2.00 pm. Flowers to G.Mannings & Sons, Oxford House, North Road, Combedown, Bath.

POULSEN - On December 27th, after a long illness borne with great courage and cheerfulness, Mary (née Veseay). Beloved wife of Derek and mother of Carola, Nigel, Charles and Joanna. Funeral service at 12 noon on Tuesday January 5th in Our Lady Undercroft Chapel, Canterbury Cathedral, followed by private Cremation. Flowers to C.W. Lyons, 70 Military Road, Canterbury, or donations if desired to The Kent and Canterbury Hospital Cancer Care Appeal.

REIDE - On December 19th, peacefully at home after a long illness faced with great courage, John Lodge, beloved husband of Caroline and highly-valued father of Susie, Peter, Katrina and Miranda. Funeral private. No flowers but donations if wished to Cancer Research Campaign. Memorial service at St. Bride's, Fleet Street on Saturday 23rd January at 11.00am.

SCARLETT - On December 28th 1987, peacefully Sir Peter K.C.M.G. K.C.V.O. dearly beloved husband of Elisabeth and father of Jane, Jonathon, Petronella and Belinda. Service of Thanksgiving at Christ-Church, Cheltenham at 2.00pm on Monday 4th January, 1988. No flowers but donations for 11th Heart Foundation may be sent to Selrm Smith & Co Ltd, 74 Prestbury Road, Cheltenham.

SCUPHAM - On December 29th, at home after a short illness, Dorothy Lacey, aged 83, wife of John Scupham, mother of Peter and Ann. Funeral private, no flowers by request.

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TOMLIN - On December 28th 1987, Marie (Jill), beloved wife of the late F.E.C. (Tommy), darling mother of Marie, Phyl, John and Peter and granny of Richard and Felicity. Funeral on Friday 8th January 1988 at St. James's R.C. Church, Twickenham at 1.00pm, followed by burial at Twickenham Cemetery at 2.00pm. Flowers to F W Paine, 31 Church Street, Twickenham.

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WATKINSON - On December 27th, peacefully at Sandringham Hall Nursing Home, Norwich, Phyllis Irene, aged 81 years, beloved wife of the late Major General G. L. Watkinson D.S.O. (late of South Wembury Court, Devon). Funeral service St. Werburgh's, Wembury, Devon on Wednesday, January 6th at 12 noon. Enquiries please: Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 85 Unthank Road, Norwich. Tel: 0603 760787.

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Latest wills

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Mr Frank McNair Liesching, of Dawlish, Devon, a former governor of Winchester Prison, left estate valued at £210,082 net.

Lieutenant-General Sir John Francis Worsley, of Sherborne, Dorset, Commander of the British Forces in Hong Kong from 1966 to 68, left estate valued at £11,934 net.

Phyllis Boland, formerly of Harrow, north-west London, left estate valued at £501,317 net. After £20,500 and other personal bequests, the residue is to be divided equally between the League of Friends of Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

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Dated this 16th day of December 1987
S.D. SWADEN
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E. HEPWORTH, DIRECTOR
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Dated this 17th day of December 1987

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THE ARTS

Light relief from a lean year

Despite Hollywood's continuing tendency to pander to the juvenile and lowbrow mass audience, David Robinson looks to the East and finds cause for optimism in his review of films produced around the world in 1987

At least in terms of quality, 1987 could well go down to history as one of the cinema's leanest years. Commercial Hollywood remains largely at the command of the myriad infants who are its prime patrons, and the favoured styles remained monotonously the same: low comedy, supernatural and science fiction, police melodrama, high school films. Familiarity is the cardinal merit in the eyes of this conservative public; and sequels and copies proliferated, with numerical titles such as *Police Academy 4, Penitentiary III, Beverly Hills Cop II, Meatballs II, Goofballs II* and *Spaceballs*.

The brightest spots were mostly comedy, such as Joel and Ethan Coen's *Raising Arizona*, a surreal and anarchic vision of the American underbelly; *Roxanne*, Steve Martin's updating of *Cyrano*; Barry Levinson's *Tin Men*; Robert Altman's adaption of Christopher Durang's *Beyond Therapy*; George Miller's *The Witches of Eastwick*.

Yuppies were still a reliable comic target, as was proven by the popularity of Blake Edwards's clumsy slapstick *Blind Date* and of Herbert Ross's box office winner *The Secret of My Success*. As to the yuppy audience itself, its tastes leaned heavily towards the thriller of meretricious effect and little substance – David Lynch's *Blue Velvet*, Brian DePalma's *The Untouchables*, Wayne Wang's *Slam Dance*.

Following the success of *Platoon*, there was a rush of films about the Vietnam conflict, ranging from Kubrick's peculiar, expressionist, studio-made *Full Metal Jacket* to Francis Ford Coppola's *Gardens of Stone* (not yet released here), John Irvin's *Hamburger Hill* and, the hawkish extreme, Lionel Chetwynd's *The Hanoi Hilton* (not yet released here).

The most salutary reflection on the oriental battleground was provided by Jonathan Demme's *Swimming to Cambodia*, a straight record of Spalding Gray's great stage monologue about experiences working on *The Killing Fields*.

The British film had a new James Bond in Timothy Dalton. Often the most admirable quality in British films seemed to be enterprise: Christine Edzard battling for four years to make her marathon *Little Dorrit* within the confines of her own little studio; Richard Attenborough adapting the commercial system to a heartfelt, liberal political tract, in *Cry Freedom*; Derek Jarman presenting his acutely personal view of *The Last of England*; Jimmy Murakami bravely undertaking Raymond Briggs's grim nuclear portent *When the Wind Blows* as an animated film.

Most of all, 1987 was the year of the Soviet cinema, which carried off the lion's share of international festival prizes. Audiences in the USSR had to believe in the reality of the revolution brought by *glasnost*. While no major film initiated under the new regime has yet been released, the many films taken off the shelves after years of suppression have opened eyes a great deal wider than before.

Directors such as Alexei German, Kyra Muratova and Alexander Askoldov have emerged as major creative figures, after decades of enforced obscurity. Films such as *Theme* and *Repentance*, (opening in London in the New Year) have already taught the Soviet audience to acknowledge and discuss recent history. A whole range of other films has suddenly confronted a public long accustomed to a sunny and aseptic view of life in films, with a new reality of social problems and an awareness of a generation of energetic, difficult young people who will have to make the new world. As '87 goes on '88, you have to look East for excitement in movies.

This column's reluctant Ten Best of 1987, in alphabetical order, are:

Au Revoir, les Enfants (Louis Malle, France) (yet to be released here)
Brightness (Souleymane Cisse, Mali)
Comrades (Bill Douglas, GB)
The Dead (John Huston, USA)
Good Morning, Babylon (Taviani brothers, Italy)
Hope and Glory (John Boorman, GB)
Maurice (James Ivory, GB)
Platoon (Oliver Stone, USA)
Radio Days (Woody Allen, USA)
The Whales of August Lindsay Anderson, USA) (yet to be released here)

Most Promising Débuts:
Harry Hook, with *The Kitchen Toto (GB)*
David Leland, with *Wish You Were Here* (GB)
David Mamet, with *House of Games* (USA)
Bruce Robinson, with *Withnail and I* (GB)
Patricia Rozema, with *I've Heard Mermaids Singing* (Canada)

Best Actor: Gary Oldman in *Prick Up Your Ears* (GB)
Best Actress: Emily Lloyd in *Wish You Were Here* (GB)
Cathleen Delany in *The Dead* (USA)
Best Comedy Performance: Nicolas Cage in *Raising Arizona* (USA)

Personality of the Year: Lillian Gish, a star and unswervingly dedicated actress for 75 years, from D.W. Griffith's *The Unseen Enemy* (1912) to Lindsay Anderson's *The Whales of August* (1987) in which she plays the leading role opposite another formidable veteran, Bette Davis.

Bravest Lost Battle: Little David (Puttnam) against the Goliath of Hollywood stars, agents, tradition and entrenched greed.

The Chutzpa Prize goes as usual to Menahem Golan and Yoram Globus, who continue to confound the accountants by staying in business. When last sighted, Menahem was happy as a sandboy, producing and directing a World War Two spectacle in Hungary and into the bargain playing a leading role as a Nazi judge.



Russian eyes are opening: a scene from the new Soviet film *Repentance*



Fit to bust: Nicolas Cage giving Best Comedy Performance, in Joel and Ethan Coen's *Raising Arizona*

Fade to black

● 1987 saw the departure of some legendary film figures. John Huston died, leaving a magnificent legacy in *The Dead*. Also the Georgian-born Armenian, Rouben Mamoulian (90), maker of *Love Me Tonight, Becky Sharp* and *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde*, as well as creator of new musical styles with *Porgy and Bess, Oklahoma* and *Carousel* on stage; Clarence Brown (97) Garbo's favourite director; Mervyn LeRoy (86), director of *Little Caesar* and *I Was a Fugitive from a Chain Gang*; Bob Fosse (60), director of *Cabaret*; Douglas Sirk (86) German-born master of the sentimental melodrama; two distinguished founders of the British documentary movement: Edgar Anstey (80) and Basil Wright (80); Richard Marquand (49), British director of *Return of the Jedi* and *Jagged Edge*; Norman McLaren (72), the Scottish-born pioneer of animation; Andy Warhol (59); David Maysles (54), veteran of *cinéma verité*; the Italian Alessandro Blasetti (86); the French Yves Allégret (79) and Georges Franju (75); the Hungarian Pál Gábor (54).



Fred Astaire: legacy of dance



John Huston: he left us *The Dead*

● Among the great screen faces we lost Pola Negri (90 plus) the last of the great *femmes fatales* of the silent screen; Rita Hayworth (68); Fred Astaire (88); Danny Kaye (74); Lee Marvin (63); Mary Astor (81), most memorable in *The Maltese Falcon*; Emlyn Williams (81); Irene Handl (85); Lino Ventura (68); Ray Bolger (83), Broadway dancer and the Scarecrow in *The Wizard of Oz*; Hermione Gingold (89); Geraldine Page (62), Oscar-winner for *The Trip to Bountiful*; Randolph Scott (89), long-lasting Western star; Robert Preston (68); Jackie Gleason (71); Alfie Bass (66).

TELEVISION

Doing their best

One interesting fact I think I know about Great Ormond Street Hospital is that until today it derived some of its income from the royalties from *Peter Pan*, which were left to it by J. M. Barrie on his death, and that his work goes out of copyright tomorrow. I did not, however, learn that fact from last night's documentary *Great Ormond Street – A Fighting Chance* (BBC1), which was prompted by the hospital's current appeal.

Indeed it was difficult to say what I did learn about it as an institution, since it was only after about an hour of the 75-minute programme that we saw what it looks like, gathered it had been founded 135 years ago, and realized how primitive the old building is and why it needs £50 million for a new one. Basic information was bewilderingly scarce; who runs it and how is it organized? Instead the programme clearly wanted to concentrate on the plight of individual critically ill children and to tell their often harrowing stories.

Fortunately, though, this was not a Desmond Wilcox weepy. Neither interviews nor cameras were intrusive (though we were not spared close-ups of a very dead kidney), and the most moving moment was – rarely for television – entirely silent: the scanning of the messages left in the hospital chapel. Martyn Lewis, fresh from being overcompassionate to the Prime Minister on the *Nine O'Clock News*, was rightly compassionate to both parents and children here. The script often veered towards cliché, but never strayed into cheap emotionalism.

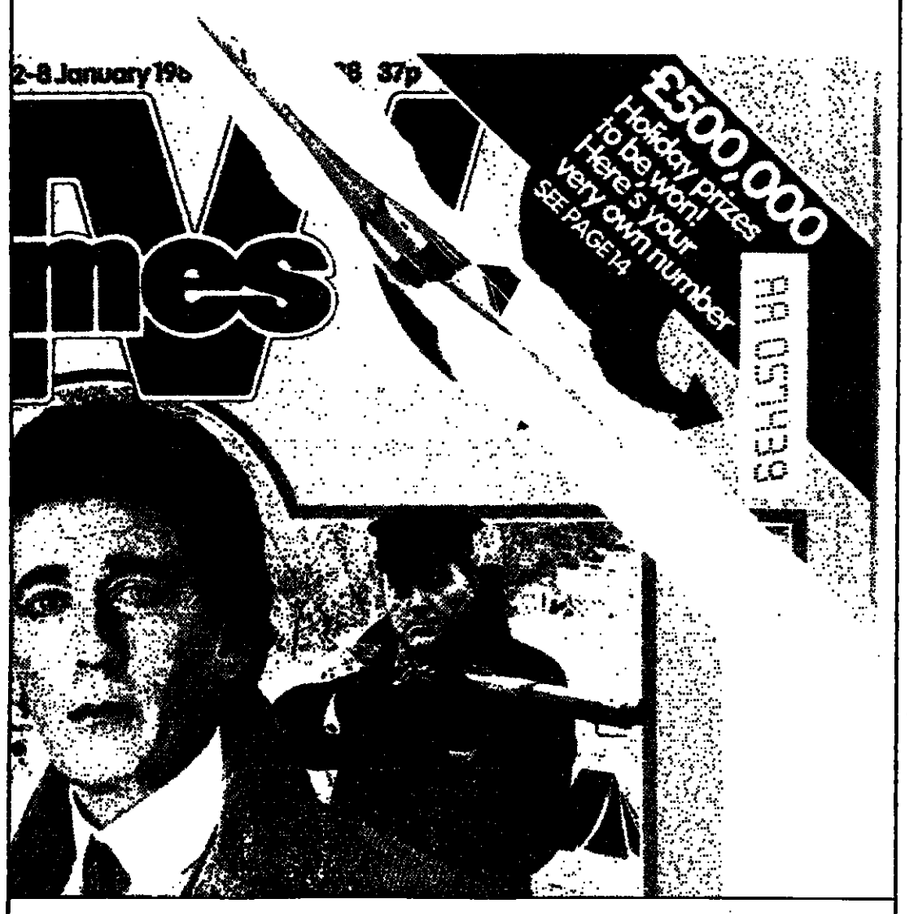
What emerged strongly was a picture of a hospital in which unusually high specialist skills were matched with unusually high personal responsiveness towards both patients and their parents. The laborious, time-taking business of discussion and joint decision-making about a child's future was well captured, as was an impressive declaration that parents should never be shielded from the knowledge of what might happen to their child.

Some of those we saw survived, some died: but one felt that the best that could be done had been done.

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THEATRE IN PARIS

Molière's Dom Juan
Théâtre Renaud Barrault/ Maison des Arts Créteil

They revive him here, they revive him there, this season those Frenchies are reviving Molière's *Dom Juan* everywhere. First there was pop star Francis Lalanne's androgynous reincarnation of the legendary Spanish decadent, slapping his slinky thighs at the Bouffes du Nord. Directed by Jean-Luc Moreau with an entertaining bright-eyed, bushy-tailed freshness, its limited run barely finished, two more new productions of the Molière classic are already there to take over the theatrical relay. One, directed by Francis Huster, is a name-studded, academic genuflection to the original; the other, under the direction of Benno Besson, is an irreverent, visual raspberry.

Dom Juan is Huster's first major production as the creative heir apparent to Madeleine Renaud and Jean-Louis Barrault at the head of the illustrious Théâtre du Rond-Point, now renamed the Renaud Barrault. A handsome, talented scallywag who manages to bite the establishment on one hand, and be fed by it on the other, Huster has the sort of charisma that provokes a stampede towards any box office.

Intelligent enough to cast himself as Dom Juan's rascally valet Sganarelle, Huster entrusts the title role to the equally crowd pulling Jacques Weber, whose aristocratic, loin-stirring good looks make him a natural for the part. Elvire is played alternately by the Italian/French cinema sirens Fanny Ardent and Elisabeth Rodriguez.

The production is a homage to the famous French actor/manager Louis Jouvet (1887-1951), whose excellence as Dom Juan, even when Jouvet was in his sixties, has left a hard-to-erase imprint on the role. Huster plays it safe by directing the work with a scholarly reverence. His biggest deviation is to advance the costumes and décor a century, thus avoiding the unflattering, emasculating male ribbons and furbelows of Molière's day.

Patrick Lebreton's stylish costumes and Hervé Boutard's mirrored design – which turns the talking statue into a reflected spectre – slide deliciously over the eyes, without ever touching the other senses, accentuating the production's overall feeling of empty excellence. Huster and Weber are an exemplary duo, Ardent/Rodriguez a tragically alluring Elvire, and the rest of the large cast, competent supports, but together they fail to kindle the work's inner physical fire into the powerful inferno that so roused the religious bigots against Molière when *Dom Juan, ou le festin de pierre* (the work's full title) was first performed in 1665.



Playing it for laughs: Carlo Brandt (left) and Philippe Avron

Molièrian reactionaries of any creed or cult, who make the 30-minute journey out to the architectural plains of Créteil on the eastern outskirts of the French capital, had better check their blood pressure before leaving. Benno Besson's transformation of Dom Juan into a painted pantomime Dame and Sganarelle into a snivelling, stoop-shouldered Buttons, has the potential of sending it dangerously high, despite the five star comfort/technical rating of Créteil's voluminous municipal theatre complex.

A joint production between Créteil and the Comédie de Genève, the latter headed by Besson, it dangles Molière by the heels with a certain amount of adroitness, that has to be admired for its affrontery if nothing else. Under Besson's pantomime direction the work becomes a sacrilegious, derisive, visual comedy. While painting the interpretative dots and commas with the garish colours of burlesque, Besson leaves the text virtually as the French bard wrote it.

In the opening scenes, Dom Juan is a sort of 17th century composite Hinge and Bracket, peering out from a mass of golden curls and preening the flounces of his be-ribboned frillies. It is hard to imagine any woman falling under the spell of this narcissistic red, white and gold, walking lace doily. The only exception could be Besson's vision of Elvire as a leather clad, thigh-booted Principal Boy, admirably thundered out by Juliana Samarine.

Philippe Avron, a well-loved grand-pappy of children's theatre, holds up quite well under the grotesque greasepaint. But in the concluding scenes, stripped down to a puritan collar and knickerbockers, he loses sight of whatever Besson is aiming for, unless it is to reduce the Latin lover to a pathetic clown. Hunching down into his tall, thin frame, Carlo Brandt as Sganarelle does a nice line in wingeing subservience, but most of the character's everyman wit has been beaten out of him by the director's baton, which must have bells on.

There is no complicity between Dom Juan and Sganarelle, just contempt and hatred. If Besson's plan was to use the characters as metaphors for all class wars, he fails by making both sides equally revolting. All is sacrificed in the name of humour and ends up by being devoid of all traces of humanity. But, if Besson's intention is to do no more than make an audience laugh, at Créteil he has made it to home base.

Ezio Toffolutti's ingenious, though aesthetically lacking design – most of it on pulleys, and creatively crude costumes – are greeted by chuckles. These explode into guffaws on the entry of Avron and Brandt. The arrival of the statue, toppling about on plaster of Paris platform soles, brings the house down.

Diane Hill

Academic posture: Francis Huster (left) and Jacques Weber

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HOGMANAY BOOKS

Scotch from the rocks

Allan Massie about the neglected works of an Orcadian exile who became a master writer of our century

Edwin Muir was born in 1887 and died in 1959. The date of his death is unimportant and that of his birth wrong, for, as he wrote himself, "I was born before the Industrial Revolution and am now about 200 years old. Till I was 14 no time accidents happened to me. Then in 1751 I set out from Orkney to Glasgow. When I arrived I found that it was not 1751, but 1901, and that 150 years had been burned up in my two days' journey." This was not whimsy, as it might have been from a lesser writer. It was something Muir knew to be true, and demonstrated in his writings, and in his life: "Since the Industrial Revolution there has not really been an order except in a few remote places; for competition is the principle of anarchy."

Anyone who rejects this outlook as whimsical should read the account of Muir's childhood on the little island of Wyre in the Orkneys, which is reprinted here. George Mackay Brown in his introduction says, "there has rarely been a more beautiful evocation of the life of a child", and compares it to parts of *The Prelude* and *Fern Hill*. He is right; I would add Proust and, especially, Colette to the list he gives.

Muir was a great poet, critic, and autobiographer. He also wrote three novels, but they are not much good. Most of his prose, except for the controversial, and sometimes wrong-headed but extremely valuable, *Scott and Scotland*, and his *Scottish Journey*, are out of print. This collection will serve as an excellent and enticing introduction for those who only know him as a poet, or – it is their misfortune – don't know him at all.

EDWIN MUIR
Selected Prose
Chosen and introduced with a memoir by George Mackay Brown
John Murray, £15

He has three great qualities as a critic. The first is his lack of a university education. He came to books from life, not from the study of books. After the family was upwrenched from Orkney, their life in Glasgow was beastly. They were at a loss. His parents and brothers died with a few years of each other. He was left poor, with his own way to make in the world. He read his way out of his horrible condition, one of the great and numerous Edwardian autodidacts. But he was saved from the narrow arrogance of many like himself by the variety of his background. *His Orkney childhood* gave him standards of enduring value by which to measure his other experience. Then he was rescued by his remarkable wife Willa, who gave him the courage to break out. George Mackay Brown calls her "the most generous woman I have ever known". They went to London, then Central Europe, and translated Kafka; there's an excellent essay on Kafka here.

The second quality was a penetrating and connecting imagination; and the third, a marvellous lucidity. He said that in Orkney "simple uneducated people here and there still speak a beautiful language and know where *to set a word in a sentence*." Muir knew just that, and so his prose is both exact and alive.

It is extraordinary that almost everything here – literary and social criticism, as well as the passages of autobiography – is still worth reading, hardly *dated* at all. That is because he was always concerned with what is permanently true in experience; he set up neither false gods nor false devils. He was concerned with the thing as it actually was. Industrialism had wrought great hardship, and he disapproved of the system and its manifestations; nevertheless he could see that "the evolution of industrialism itself, by increasing wealth generally, has helped to change our attitude to the poor and make the thought unpleasant that *they should die of starvation.*" This insight makes him endlessly pertinent: "*Laissez-faire* economists could separate economics and morality with the most satisfactory neatness, but the actual people who by their labour maintained a system based on *laissez-faire* could not achieve that feat, since they were moral beings."

This collection is very welcome. George Mackay Brown's memoir is both charming and admirable; full of whole-hearted gratitude for what Edwin and *Willa Muir* did for him and for what they represented. It's remarkable that the three best Scottish prose-writers of the century should all have come from Orkney: Muir, Eric Linklater, and George Mackay Brown himself.

Peacock Nicky

John Campbell

A LIFE IS TOO SHORT
By Nicholas Fairbairn
Quartet £11.95

For nearly 30 years "Nicky" Fairbairn has been the *enfant terrible* of the Scottish Bar and of the staid and inbred Edinburgh society that is centred on it. Ever since he defended (successfully) the famous Edinburgh Festival nude in 1962 and (unsuccessfully) *Fanny Hill* in 1964 he has been the most conspicuous champion of permissiveness in the city of John Knox, chairman of the quintessentially Sixties (though still flourishing) Traverse Theatre and of the even more wicked Brook (family planning) Clinic. When he was selected for a safe Tory seat in 1973 the Kirk protested.

He also pioneered the preservation of Duddingston village in the shadow of Arthur's Seat long before conservation was a fashionable cause; has personally restored a substantial castle in Fife; and has held several exhibitions of his paintings. All this is in addition to a spectacular professional career in which he has defended many of the most notable Scottish villains of recent years and got many of them off, but failed to prevent the scandalously wrongful conviction of the most celebrated of all (Patrick Meehan). By his caustic disrespect for judges he has landed himself in frequent trouble with the legal establishment. He is a sort of Scottish John Mortimer improbably crossed with F.E. Smith.

His memoirs, then, make entertaining reading. But they are spoiled by a fatal pretentiousness. Unfortunately – as the theatrically Beethovenian portrait on the cover illustrates – Fairbairn fancies in the diversity of his enthusiasms a touch of genius. But genius, or even genuine eccentricity, should not protest so much. He plays the role too hard, while harshly contemptuous of the mediocrities by whom he is beset. *Pour épater les edinbourgeois* he presents himself, embarrassingly, as a great lover and elevates hard drinking to a vocation.

Above all his idea of fine writing is to spatter his pages with arcane Latinisms. He will never use a simple short word if the dictionary yields a long one: a bearded carpenter is a "barbigerous fabricant", beating is "basculine chastisement", on every page judges or criminals possess "incicurable talent", "orgulous authority" or "oppugnant courage"; Edinburgh City Councillors are "pennimental gossoons". Amusing at first, this preposterous magniloquence (the style is catching) rapidly palls. What words will he have left for Volume Two, when his high parliamentary ambitions come unstuck?


Glynn Boyd Harris

Canny auld reason

Kathleen Nott

J.M. ROBERTSON
An Assessment by Various Hands
Edited by G.A. Wells
Pemberton, £6

This posthumous *Festschrift* for John Mackinnon Robertson (1856-1933) suggests – or perhaps one should say reminds everybody who knows anything about it – that Scottish schooling has always been better than English; and also that English University education may well restrict imaginative range.

Robertson, born at Brodick, Isle of Arran, left school at 13. Otherwise an autodidact, he became also a remarkable polymath. After a short spell of office-slogging he turned *wholly to writing: literary and* other journalism, no doubt for bread and butter; but producing too, an impressive list of works on literature, politics, history, economics, and philosophy. He worked seven *hours a day seven days a week*, clearly because he liked to rather than because he had to.

He mastered several languages, was a convincing and elegant speaker with an apt and lively literary style, and a fine penman. He became a member of Parliament in the still live Liberal interest (1906-1918). Apart from all that, he was a good hand with boat and oar, could cook a "delicious dinner", and had the sound and engaging habit "when things were going badly" (i.e. financially) of going out to a good dinner and a bottle of wine (convivially). He was also strikingly handsome and well built.

Not the popular (or unpopular) image of the Rationalist, torn between ascetic vegetarianism and abstract Free Love.

His real and scholarly love of literature, particularly Elizabethan, also hardly fits. He was an original Shakespeare scholar, firmly textual, and admired by Eliot, who published him in *The Criterion*: it can be argued persuasively that his work on *Hamlet* perhaps illuminated Eliot's well-known "problem" with that flawed masterpiece.

Of course the Rationalist Press Association is behind this book, and so the emphasis must be on Robertson's attack on Christian theology and religion itself. I am reminded that for most people humanism means "rude to God and kind to animals". Robertson was ruthless in routing out the fallacies of Christian dogma and apologetics, and *hard on its hypocrisies: thus* indeed he was sometimes rude, but not unfair.

To me he is admirable because to him rationalism really meant reasonableness – using one's loaf at all times to discover what is what – and abiding by it, without dismissing all that is not classifiably rationalistic, as "irrational": a habit to which, anyway, since Freud, we have been much addicted. Rationalism itself has often meant transferring the need for faith to a not fully analysed concept of "science".

Professor G.A. Wells has edited a well-balanced, well-researched collection which is, surprisingly, very readable.

Learning to love piped music

Angus Nicol

PIOBAIREACHD AND ITS INTERPRETATION
The Classical Music of the Highland Bagpipe
By Seumas MacNeill & Frank Richardson
John Donald, Edinburgh, £16

Piobaireachd literally means "piping", but the word (often anglicized to pibroch) is now used as a name for *ceòl mór*, the great music, the classical music of the Highland bagpipe. In no country but Scotland has a form of pipe music remotely resembling *piobaireachd* evolved. It is highly developed and disciplined; it is unique. It demands great technical skill and deep powers of interpretation to perform. It has great variety: music for war, for feasting, for love, and for death.

"What are we to say to those who really want to know what we can possibly see in our strange wild music?" General Richardson rhetorically asks, *dismissing the facetious* remarks of ignoramuses. In this book, the first on interpretation of *ceòl mór*, the authors set out to answer the question.

In the first half of the book Seumas MacNeill deals with the history and structure of *ceol mór*: each enough for a book on its own. This is intended to provide for the interested inquirer something more than a general background but less than a PhD thesis. In this it succeeds admirably. Dwelling briefly on the origins of the *piob mhór* (the great pipe), which is all that is necessary here, Mr MacNeill explores the history of *ceòl mór* itself, originating at the end of the Middle Ages.

Its form, quality, and development were influenced particularly by one family of outstanding pipers, the MacCrimmons, hereditary pipers to MacLeod of MacLeod. They dominated piping from the 16th century until about 1825. They and their pupils and two MacKay families have left us many of the great tunes that are heard today. There is a useful "tree" showing the descent of teaching *ceòl mór* from master to pupil from the early MacCrimmons down to present day pipers. It is a little surprising that the MacGregors of Druim Charaig, who also had a piping school and were in the forefront of piping from 1745 to the 1830s, are not mentioned. The history is interesting and readable. The chapter on structure is well illustrated, and will be of great assistance to the inquirer who wishes to understand the form of the music which, perhaps, he has but recently learned to appreciate.

Three names dominate Frank Richardson's part of the book – an essay on interpretation. These are Archibald Campbell of Kilberry, J.P. Grant of Rothiemurchus, and John MacDonald, of Inverness. All were successors in teaching of the greatest pipers of the 19th century, to whom were passed the way of the master pipers of playing the great tunes. Frank Richardson, himself a pupil of John MacDonald, kept full notes of what he was taught. These are quoted, and whet the appetite for more. But what chiefly emerges is that *interpretation is not* the slavish following of the master, but, with the master's teaching in mind, the discovery of the way ahead.

Some people never like *piobaireachd*; some acquire the taste; and some love it from the first note they hear. For the first, there is no hope. For the others this book will be a pleasure, interesting and helpful, be they exponents or mere listeners. For myself, I am impatient for volume two.

Myths of the Raj

Karan Thapar

THY HAND, GREAT ANARCH!
India 1921-1952
By Nirad C. Chaudhuri
Chatto & Windus, £25


The rising Gandhi in 1922

Nirad Chandhuri is as loathed by the chattering classes in India as he is becoming a cult figure amongst the minute band of Indophile gentry in Britain. Yet, to the wider public in both countries, he remains unknown. This book explains why. It will simultaneously provoke and infuriate his former countrymen, and gladden the heart of Englishmen who, like the author, recall, if only dimly, a better time. For it is presented, unselfconsciously and unashamedly, as "the first chapter of a very much larger history of the end of European rule over non-European peoples", which chronicles the author's belief about why the British Raj ultimately failed and how its successor, Independent India, was born of misconceived values and Gandhian pretention.

The *leitmotiv* that echoes through the book's 963 pages is Chaudhuri's heightened awareness and unalloyed condemnation of the all-pervading decay he sees around him. The world will end, not with a bang, or even a whimper, but in putrescence. "I have been a life-long spectator of this decay", he comments on himself, "and the experience has made me feel like a heretic being burnt at the stake, but without release from the torture by death."

However, this process has neither affected his vision nor his truculent, verbose, yet stark analysis of characters and events. Chaudhuri's unremitting interpretation of Mahatma Gandhi, and, conversely, of the generation of Indophile Britons who championed his cause and all other non-Western philosophies, should make this clear.

Arguing that the British abandonment of India before Gandhi's death has given "a spurious and specious plausibility" to the myth that he was its cause, Chaudhuri instead attempts to show that the seeds of the destruction of British rule lay elsewhere. Unlike the ancient Romans, or the modern French, the British rejected the role of cultural proselytization. They had conquered but they failed thereafter to cultivate. "The *simple truth was that neither* the British people nor their political leaders believed in the continuation of their rule in India, and hardly even its moral validity." Thus they willed their own end.

Of Gandhi, Chaudhuri's analysis and eloquence are even less charitable. "It appeared to me that his entire ideology was driven by a resolve to abandon civilized life and revert to a primitive existence." Debunking what he considers the inflated claims of Ganhi's contribution to India's independence, the book catalogues a list of his failures. Then, swept on by its own furious passion and logic, it concludes: "It is impossible to imagine a more complete, comprehensive, and tragic failure for any man." Indians will find it hard to swallow such strong stuff.

But it is on the subject of Gandhi's western admirers that Chaundhuri is most scathing. As an Indian, my comments on Chaudhuri's contrary views of my countrymen will ring with suspicion. Let me limit them to the claim that the opposite can be argued with as good, if not occasionally better, evidence. Nevertheless, I welcome the refreshing and balancing vigour of his position. But, equally, as an Indian I will venture an opinion on his attitude to modern Britons. It would appear that when Malcolm Muggeridge said that the only true Englishmen left were Indians, he must have had someone like Chaudhuri in mind. For this book reveals that the author's idea of the "true" Englishman remains frozen between the bowler hat and the brolly, shut behind stiff upper lips, unchanging, even immobile, through time and experience. Any deviation from this "norm" is not just treachery but self-denial.

And yet this book is redolent with originality and candour. It is forthright and it is brave. Age has quickened 90-year-old Chaudhuri's pen. Even if he is often wrong – indeed very wrong – and though he delights in showing off, and can be prey to petty prejudices, he is never boring, or bombastic, or pointless. Instead, he commands attention and rewards it richly. He is at once difficult, disturbing, and deflating. That is why he will remain admired by a few, loathed by a few, but unknown to the vast majority.

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Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10 (01-858 7755). Station: Greenwich (15 mins from Charing Cross). Mon-Sat 7.45pm, mat Sat 2.30pm, £3-£10.

★ **CINDERELLA:** Traditional version with Suzi Quatro as the prince, Beejaye a black Cinderella and Paul J Medford (ex-Kelvin from *EastEnders*) as Buttons.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, NW1 (01-388 1394). Tube: Euston. Mon-Sat 2.30-5pm and 7-9.30pm, £6, children £4.

☆ **THE FOREIGNER:** Nicholas Lyndhurst as a timid tourist in the US struck dumb with nerves.
Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane WC2 (01-836 3878). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 8-10.30pm, mats Thurs and Sat 3-5.30pm, £5-£13.50.

☆ **THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST:** Dame Hilda Bracket bestows upon us her Lady Bracknell and Dr Evadne Hinge offers her Miss Prism in a cunning adaptation of Mr Wilde's original.
Whitehall Theatre, Whitehall, SW1 (01-930 7765). Tube: Charing Cross/Embankment. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.30pm, mats Wed 3-5.15pm and Sat 5-7.15pm. £8.50-£13.50.

☆ **A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS:** Charlton Heston takes over the role of Sir Thomas More in the strongly cast transfer from Chichester.
Savoy Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 8888). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.15pm, mat Sat 2.30-5.15pm, £5-£14.50.

☆ **OLD YEAR'S EVE:** New Peter Speyer play set at the turn of the year on a remote South African vineyard.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (01-628 8795/01-638 8891). Tube: Barbican/Moorgate. Tonight 7.30-9.00pm, £7.50

☆ **PETER PAN:** Barrie with music; George Cole with the hook, and Lulu flying us off to Never-Never-Land.
Cambridge Theatre, Earlham Street, WC2 (01-379 5299). Tube: Leicester Square. Mon-Sat 7.30-10pm, mats Wed and Sat 2.30-5pm, £6.50-£14.50.

☆ **YOU NEVER CAN TELL:** Toby Robertson's starry Shaw, with Michael Hordern, Irene Worth and Michael Denison.
Haymarket Theatre, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 3-6pm. £7.50-£14.50.

☆ **LONG RUNNERS:** ☆ **Beyond Reasonable Doubt:** Queens Theatre (01-734 1166)... ☆ **The Business Of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036)... ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079)... ☆ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951)... ☆ **Follies:** Shaftesbury Theatre (01-379 5399)... ☆ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0)... ☆ **High Society:** Victoria Palace Theatre (01-834 1317)... ☆ **Les Liaisons Dangereuses:** Ambassadors Theatre (01-836 6111, cc 01-836 1171)... ☆ **Me And My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-240 7913/4)... ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909)... ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443)... ☆ **Nunsense:** Fortune Theatre (01-836 2238)... ☆ **Phantom Of The Opera:** Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244)... ☆ **Run For Your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216)... ☆ **Serious Money:** Wyndhams Theatre (01-836 3028)... ☆ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria (01-828 8665)... ☆ **And Then There Were None:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122).

OUT OF TOWN

LEICESTER: ☆ **Fat Pig:** Spectacular musical show: sentimental but great circus acts.
Haymarket Theatre, Belgrave Gate (0533 539797), mat today 2.30-4.45pm, Mon-Thurs 7.30-9.45pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.15pm, £3.50-£9.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **South Pacific:** Gemma Craven and Emile Belcourt on Rodgers and Hammerstein's paradise island.
Opera House, Quay Street (061 831 7768) Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm, £5.50-£15.50. Ends Sat.

OXFORD: ☆ **The Miracle Plays:** Adapted by Peter Buckman from the Coventry Cycle.
Church of St Mary the Virgin, High Street (0865 790625), today mat 4pm, Mon-Sat 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat 4pm, £2-£7.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **Love off The Shelf:** New musical: "everything you wanted to know about romantic novels but were afraid to ask".
Nuffield Theatre, University Road (0703 671771), Mon-Thurs 7.30-10pm, Fri and Sat 8-10.30pm, mat Sat 4-6.30pm, £4.90-£8.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Twelfth Night:** Straightforward production in Greek maze setting; Antony Sher is an eye-rolling Malvolio.
Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Stratford (0789 295623). Tonight and tomorrow 7.30-10pm, £5-£15.50.

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
≋ **Advance booking possible**

THE ADVENTURES OF MARK TWAIN (U): Episodic cartoon entertainment inspired by the life, works and epigrams of the American author; made with two tons of plasticine by the American pioneer of clay animation, Will Vinton. James Whitmore heads the voice cast (85 min).
ICA Cinema (01-930 3647). Progs 3.00. (D)

BEST SELLER (18): Police thriller with a wobbly plot but impressive performances from Brian Dennehy and James Woods. Directed by John Flynn; with Victoria Tennant (95 min).
≋ **Leicester Square Theatre** (01-930 5252). Progs 6.10, 8.50.

CRY FREEDOM (PG): Richard Attenborough's bumper bundle of exciting spectacle and liberal sentiments; with Kevin Kline as journalist Donald Woods, drawn into the case of South African activist Steve Biko (Denzel Washington) (158 min).
≋ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-437 1234). Progs 2.00, 5.40, 8.30.

■ **HOPE AND GLORY (15):** John Boorman's autobiographical account of an ordinary family living through the London blitz. With Sebastian Rice-Edwards and Sammi Davis (113 min).
≋ **Cannon Panton Street** (01-930 0631). Progs 2.10, 4.40, 7.20, 9.45. (D)
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.20, 5.50, 8.30.

HOUSEKEEPING (PG): Director Bill Forsyth's first American feature — a muted period drama adapted from Marilynne Robinson's novel about two young sisters growing up with a spinster aunt in Washington State. With Christine Lahti, Sara Walker and Andrea Burchill (116 min).
Chelsea Cinema (01-351 3742). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.
Renoir (01-837 8402). Progs 1.35, 3.55, 6.20, 8.45.

■ **INNER SPACE (PG):** Imaginative comic fantasy from the Spielberg factory. Dennis Quaid is the miniaturized Air Force pilot implanted by error into the body of a meek grocery clerk (Martin Short). Joe Dante directs (119 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.30, 8.20.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 2.30, 5.20, 8.10.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.30, 6.15, 9.10.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 2.30, 5.10, 8.00.

THE KITCHEN TOTO (15): Writer-director Harry Hook makes an impressive debut with this observant drama about a bewildered young servant during Kenya's fight for independence. With Bob Peck and Phyllis Logan (97 min).
Cannon Première (01-439 4470). Progs 2.10, 4.10, 6.10, 8.15, 10.15.
Cannon Tottenham Court Road (01-636 6148). Progs 6.20, 8.30.

LITTLE DORRIT (U): Worthy and painstaking Dickens adaptation in two three-hour parts with newcomer Sarah Pickering as the daughter born in a debtor's prison. Derek Jacobi as the troubled hero, and a lengthy cast of notables. Directed by Christine Edzard (180 min).
≋ **Curzon West End** (01-439 4805). Progs: Part one: Fri, Sat, Tues and Thurs 2.30; Fri, Mon and Wed 7.30. Part two: Mon and Wed 2.30; Sat, Sun, Tues and Thurs 7.30.

■ **ROXANNE (PG):** *Cyrano de Bergerac* reworked by and for Steve Martin, as a fire chief whose nose seems to prevent true love (107 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.20, 8.05.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.30, 3.35, 6.00, 8.20.
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 1.40, 3.40, 6.00, 8.20. (D)
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.50, 4.00, 6.20, 8.40.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.50, 9.00.

SPACEBALLS (PG): The time for a parody of *Star Wars* has long since passed, but Mel Brooks delivers one regardless. With John Candy, Rick Moranis, and a scattering of amusing sight gags (98 min).
≋ **Odeon Leicester Square** (01-930 6111). Progs 1.00, 3.20, 5.45, 8.15. (D)
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.15, 8.40.

DANCE

★ **CINDERELLA:** Frederick Ashton's production for the Royal Ballet.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, £1-£30.

☆ **SWAN LAKE:** André Prokovsky's production for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Derngate, Guildhall Road, Northampton (0604 24811) 5-7.30pm, £2-£7.50.





Jane How (above left) plays Larita, a woman with a past, in the revival of Noel Coward's early play *Easy Virtue*. A role performed by Jane Cowl (above right) in the original New York production, Larita commits the social indiscretion of marrying a handsome youth (John Michie) 10 years her junior. His landed gentry family are dismayed; her new mother-in-law (Avril Angers) is outraged and sets about trying to dig up the dirt; but Colonel Whittaker (Ronnie Stevens) counsels tolerance, even when the worst suspicions seem confirmed. What Coward seems to have been after was an update of the "problem play" as pioneered by Pinero to suit the changed values of the Twenties, and he is said to have been irritated by his leading lady's attempts to bring a tragic note into what he intended as comedy-drama. The play was made into a silent film by Hitchcock in 1927 but unlike *Fallen Angels* and *Hay Fever*, written at the same time, has never been revived on the London stage. Today's tentative acceptance of toy boys gives the play an unexpected modernity. *Easy Virtue* previews from tonight at the King's Head Theatre, 115 Upper Street, London N1 (01-226 1916). Previews Tuesday to Saturday, 7.30pm. Matinées Saturday and Sunday (not January 2) 3pm. Opening night January 13, 7.30pm. £6-£6.75.
Jeremy Kingston

☆ **THE NUTCRACKER:** Two performances today of Peter Schaufuss's production for London Festival Ballet.
Royal Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191), 3-5pm and 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£15.50. Half price for child with adult.

GALLERIES

ADRIAN WISZNIEWSKI: New works by a rising star of Scottish romantic figurative painting.
Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool (051 207 0001), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, free, until Jan 10.

PAINTING WOMEN: An informative survey of work by Victorian women artists.
Victoria Art Gallery, Bridge Street, Bath (0225 61111), Mon-Fri 10-6pm, Sat 10-5pm, free, until Jan 2.

LIVING ARCTIC: A display examining the life of Indian and Inuit peoples of northern Canada.
Museum of Mankind, Burlington Gardens, London W1 (01-437 2224), Mon-Sat 10-4pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, free, until April 1989.

INUIT CARVINGS AND PRINTS: Contemporary artworks by Canadian eskimoes.
Gimpel Fils, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488), Mon-Fri 9.30-5.30pm, Sat 10-1pm, free, until Jan 16.

THE SELF-PORTRAIT: Works by 60 contemporary artists, from Anthony Caro and Glynn Williams to Peter Howson and Amanda Faulkner.
Ferens Art Gallery, Queen Victoria Square, Hull (0482 222750), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 1.30-4.30pm, free, until Jan 30.

VICKY: Amusing originals by politically incisive cartoonist Victor Weisz (1913-1966).
National Portrait Gallery, St Martin's Place, London WC2 (01-930 1552), Mon-Fri 10-5pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until March 6.

HARD TIMES: Works by Herkomer, Holl, Fildes and Van Gogh explore social realist themes in Victorian art.
City Art Gallery, Mosley Street, Manchester (061 236 9422), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until Jan 10.

HELEN KEATS/MONICA WINNER: Paintings, watercolours, charcoal drawings and prints.
Ben Uri Gallery, 21 Dean Street, London W1 (01-437 2852), Mon-Thurs 10-5pm, Fri 10-1pm, free, until Jan 15.

ARTURO DI STEFANO: Poetic paintings on themes of mist, smoke and shrouds by an important young artist.
Woodlands Art Gallery, 90 Mycenae Road, London SE3 (01-858 4631), Mon-Fri 10-7.30pm, Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, (not Jan 1). free, until Jan 12.

MR CARTWRIGHT'S PICTURES: 75 paintings which formed the private collection of artist and bookseller William Cartwright (1607-1686).
Dulwich Picture Gallery, College Road, London SE21 (01-693 5254), Tues-Sat 10-1pm and 2-5pm, £1.50, until Feb 28.

ROCK

★ **WHITESNAKE:** Through 10 years of changing line-ups, David Coverdale has tirelessly championed the grunt and thrust school of heavy rock delivery and has come, at last, to the joys of a multi-million selling album with *Whitesnake 1987*.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7pm, £9-£10.

☆ **GARY GLITTER:** What better way to see out the old then with old Gazza, clumping and chanting his camp refrains?
Bournemouth International Centre, Exeter Road (0202 297297) 7.30pm, £7.

☆ **MINT JULEPS:** The a cappella sextet which wraps soul, jazz, gospel and lovers' rock into one neat, harmony package.
Hackney Empire, 291 Mare Street, London E8 (01-985 2424) 8.30pm, £6.

☆ **MASQUERADE:** Masked ball at London's trendiest night-spot. Attractions promised include dancing until very late, favours of the ball and a champagne breakfast with Viennese pastries.
Limelight, 136 Shaftesbury Avenue, London WC2 (01-434 0572) 9.30pm, £25-£35.

JAZZ

★ **GEORGE MELLY:** The blues singer leads the New Year's Eve party, backed as usual by John Chilton's Feetwarmers.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747). £25.

★ **ACKER BILK:** Will he be playing "Stranger on the Shore"?
Town Hall, Imperial Square, Cheltenham (0242 523690) 8pm, £10.

☆ **ADELAIDE HALL:** She appears alongside the pianist/vibes player Bill Le Sage and the veteran Jamaican bassist Coleridge Goode, once a member of Joe Harriott's pioneering quintet.
Pizza on the Park, 11 Knightsbridge, London SW1 (01-235 5550) 8pm, £12.50.

OPERA

☆ **HANSEL AND GRETEL:** David Pountney's enchanting and perceptive new production double-casts Felicity Palmer as Witch and Mother and has Ethna Robinson and Cathryn Pope in the title roles. Not to be missed.
English National Opera, Coliseum, St Martins Lane, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £2-£21.50.

CONCERTS

☆ **ALL STRAUSSES:** See caption.
Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-628 8795, cc 01-638 8891), 7.45-9.45pm, £3.50-£12.50.



Johann Strauss (above), the waltz king, is featured with other members of the family in an evening of Viennese music at the Barbican (see listing). Johann is represented by the Waldmeister Overture and Emperor Waltz, and his father, also Johann, with the Radetzky March and Cachucha Gallop. Also included are the Farewell and Feuerfest Polkas by his brother Josef, and the Schützen Quadrille, by Josef and another brother, Eduard. The LSO is conducted by John Georgiadis.

★ **1888 AND ALL THAT:** On the eve of 1988 the Songmakers' Almanac Team look back to the songs that were composed in 1888. With Debussy, Brahms, Fauré, Wolf and Tchaikovsky at work, it was a good year...
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3.50-£6.50.

WALKS

POLITICAL LONDON: meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3.

FAGIN'S EAST SIDE HAUNTS: meet Aldgate tube, 11am, £3.

LEGAL AND ILLEGAL LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 11am, £2.25.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SHERLOCK HOLMES: meet Baker Street tube, 2pm, £2.25

A JOURNEY THROUGH DICKENS'S LONDON: meet Holborn tube, 2pm, £3.

FOR CHILDREN

TATE GALLERY EVENTS: Christmas tree game — guess the number of Beatrix Potter postcards on the tree — prizes for those who guess closest to the actual number. Also informal tours to introduce 13-year-olds and under to the Tate's exhibits.
Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-821 1313). Guessing game today and Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 2pm-6pm. Tours today, Tues and Thurs, meet at the Rotunda 11.30am. Both events free.

"THERE'S A DRAGON IN MY CAKE": Fabrika Fantastika, a Maltese theatre company, tells stories for children.
Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-603 4535). Today and Sat 12 noon and 2.30pm, Sun 3pm, 30p.

NATURAL HISTORY EVENT: Last of the December season of short films featuring the wild life of Canada. Today — *Short hectic life.*
Natural History Museum, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (01-589 6323). 2pm. Admission to museum £2, child five-15 £1, under-fives free.

PUPPET PANTOMIME: Cannonhill Puppet Theatre's excellent children's production, adapted from Charles Perrault's 17th century tale for families and children over the age of five.
Studio Theatre, Midland Arts Centre, Cannonhill Park, Birmingham (021 440 3838). Today 10.30am and 2pm, Sat 2.30pm, then Mon-Sat 2.30pm, £2.85, child £1.85, until early Feb.

OTHER EVENTS

ALLENDALE BAAL FIRE FESTIVAL: Known by local people as Allendale bonfire night, this celebration is based on a pagan custom welcoming the new year in which "guisers" — or masquerading mummers — parade around the town with blazing tar barrels on their heads before lighting a huge bonfire at midnight. Always a very jolly occasion.
Allendale Market Square, Northumberland. 11pm onwards, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NATIONAL THEATRE IN SCOTLAND: Scottish tour includes *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* at Edinburgh and Glasgow; also *Waiting for Godot* at Glasgow. Feb 22-March 12.
Kings Theatre, Edinburgh (031 229 1201), **Theatre Royal,** Glasgow (041 331 1234).

POLKA CHILDREN'S THEATRE: Booking for spring season with *Me and My Dinosaur, Angelo* (puppet play) and *Frankenstein* (classic horror for eight-13-year-olds). Also *Parsnip Lane* puppet show for three-five-year-olds. Feb-May.
Polka Theatre, 240 The Broadway, Wimbledon, London SW19 (01-543 4888/0383).

LAST CHANCE

FROM THE DOMAIN OF THE RAVEN: Pacific Northwest-Coast Indian artefacts from the June Bedford collection.
Canada House, Trafalgar Square, London SW1 (01-629 9492 ext 246). Ends today.

THE CITY IN MAPS: Urban maps showing development of cartography from earliest printed maps of 1480s until end of 19th century.
British Library, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (01-636 1544). Ends today.

SALES NOW ON

LONDON: AQUASCUTUM, 100 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6090) *Until mid Jan*

LONDON: AUSTIN REED, 103-113 Regent Street, W1 (01-734 6789) and branches *For three weeks*

LONDON: BURBERRY'S, 18-22 Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 3343) *For two weeks*

LONDON: SCOTCH HOUSE, 2 Brompton Road, SW1 (01-581 2151) and branches *Until mid Jan*

LONDON: JOHN LEWIS, Oxford Street, W1 (01-629 7711) and branches *Until Jan 9*

BIRMINGHAM: RACKHAMS, Corporation Street (021 236 3333) *Until end Jan*

BLACKPOOL: LEWIS'S, 50 The Promenade (0253 25272) *Until end Jan*

CANTERBURY: RICEMANS, St George's Lane (0227 66886) *Until Jan 18*

CARDIFF: HOWELLS, St Mary Street (0223 31055) *Until end Jan*

EDINBURGH: FRASERS, Princes Street (031 225 2472) *Until end Jan*

GLASGOW: FRASERS, 21-45 Buchanan Street (041 221 3880) *Until end Jan*

LIVERPOOL: LEWIS'S, 40 Ranelagh Street (051 709 7000) *Until end Jan*

MANCHESTER: KENDALS, Deansgate (061 832 3414) *Until end Jan*

NEWCASTLE: HOUSE OF FRASER, Metro Centre, Gateshead (091 460 8139) *Until end Jan*

OXFORD: SELFRIDGES, Westgate (0865 244991) *Until end Jan*

PLYMOUTH: DINGLES, Royal Parade (0752 266611) *Until end Jan*

SHEFFIELD: HOUSE OF FRASER, High Street (0742 28121) *Until end Jan*

STOKE-ON-TRENT: LEWIS'S, Lamb Street, Hanley (0782 202331) *Until end Jan*

SWANSEA: DAVID EVANS, Princess Way (0792 51525) *Until end Jan*

NEXT WEEK

LONDON: HARRODS, Knightsbridge, SW1 (01-730 1234) *Jan 6-30*

LONDON: BEAUCHAMP PLACE SHOP, Beauchamp Place, SW3 (01-589 4155) *Jan 2-30*

LONDON: COVENT GARDEN KITCHEN SUPPLIES, 3 North Row, The Market, WC2 (01-836 9167) *Jan 2-30*

KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES: BENTALLS, Wood Street (01-546 1001) and branches. *Jan 7-30.*

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Films: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock: David Sinclair; Jazz: Clive Davis; Dance: John Percival; Galleries: David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse; Sales: Nicole Swengley.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 20

DOCK ASTHMA
(c) UK police slang for simulated surprise by accused when confronted with incriminating police evidence.

FABRILE
(a) Of or belonging to a craftsman or his craft, from Latin *faber* a carpenter or artificer.

PENELOPIZE
(b) To procrastinate as Penelope did by undoing by night what she had woven by day to delay her importunate suitors.

WAYZGOOSE
(a) Entertainment given to printers at Bartholomew-tide, when they began to work by candlelight; said to mean a stubble goose, from *wayz*, a bundle of straw.

TELEVISION TOP 10

National top 10 programmes in the week ending December 20:

	BBC 1	BBC 2
1	EastEnders (Tues/Sun) 20.75m	Yes Prime Minister 6.25m
2	EastEnders (Thurs/Sun) 19.85m	Victoria Wood — As Seen On TV Special 5.7m
3	Twenty Years of the Two Ronnies 13.5m	The Natural World 5.6m
4	Some Mother Do Have 'Em 11.45m	Food and Drink (Tues/Fri) 5.55m
5	Into the Black and Blue Holes 11.25m	No Limits (Tues/Sun) 5.3m
6	Whatever Next . . . 10.95m	Carry on Spying 5.2m
7	Jaws 10.9m	Entertainment USA 4.85m
8	Blankety Blank 10m	One Hour to Doomsday 4.8m
9	A Question of Sport 9.75m	Treasure Island 4.75m
10	Dallas 9.65m	The Travel Show Christmas Special 4.2m
	ITV	**Channel 4**
1	Coronation Street (Mon) Granada 18.8m	Brookside (Mon/Sat) 6.55m
2	Coronation Street (Wed) Granada 16.85m	Brookside (Tues/Sat) 6.3m
3	Blind Date LWT 14.05m	Wing and a Prayer 4.25m
4	3-2-1 Xmas Special Yorkshire 12.5m	Golden Girls 4.05m
5	A Royal Gala LWT 12.35m	Hill Street Blues 3.8m
6	Wish You Were Here Thames 12.3m	Countdown (Fri) 3.55m
7	Thirteen at Dinner ITV 11.5m	The Last Resort 3.5m
8	News at Ten (Mon) ITN 11.25m	Treasure Hunt Christmas Special 3.5m
9	News at Ten (Wed) ITN 11m	Countdown (Mon) 3.35m
9	Strike it Lucky Thames 11m	Countdown (Thurs) 3.3m
		Scarlet Pimpernel 3.3m

Breakfast television: The average weekly figures for audiences at peak times (with figures in parenthesis showing the reach - the number of people who viewed for at least three minutes):
BBC1: Breakfast Time: Mon to Fri 1.4m (6.8m)
TV-am: Good Morning Britain Mon to Fri 2.5m (12.6m)
Source: Broadcasters' Audience Research Board

ENTERTAINMENTS

CONCERTS

BARBICAN HALL 638 8891/628 8795 Tom 7.45 **LONDON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** VIENNESE EVENING John Georgiadis (cond) Prog inc music and dances by the Strauss family.

EXHIBITIONS

EMPERORS TERRACOTTA WARRIORS. Royal Horticultural Society's Old Hall, Vincent Square, SW1. £4.50 Adults, £3 child. 09.30 - 21.00 except Sunday 09.30 - 18.00. W/C 10.00 - 21.00. December 14th - Feb 20th. Tel: 01-828-2768.

EXHIBITION OF REPLICA FURNITURE on New Year's Day open to public. Made in 1796 in walnut and mahogany. Cabinet making demonstrations by our own craftsmen. Exact replica of Nelson's Chair from H.M.S. Victory will be sold to first offer over £500 Brights of Nettlebed, High Street, Nettlebed, Nr Henley-on-Thames. Oxon. (0491) 641115.

OPERA & BALLET

COLISEUM 6 836 3161 CC 240 5258. **ENGLISH NATIONAL OPERA** Tom 7.30 Hansel & Gretel. Sat 7.30 The Barber of Seville. Theatre closed Fri 1 Jan.

Royal Festival Hall 928 3191. CC 928 8800. Until 16 January. Eves 7.30pm, Mats 3.00pm (28 Dec - 2 Jan incl & Sats) **LONDON FESTIVAL BALLET** THE NUTCRACKER (Schaufuss) Mat. Buonomo / Armand / Saporta / Hogard / S. Gabrielli / Cooke / Pettinelli Tom'l. Hall / Chalmer / Johnson / Serafano / Skoog / Cooke / Pettinelli Tickets from £4.50.

ROYAL OPERA HOUSE 240 1066/1911. Salby info 836 6903 S CC 65 amphi seats avail on the day Tom'l. Tomor 7.30 **THE ROYAL BALLET** Cinderella. Ballet casting info 01 240 9815

SADLER'S WELLS 278 8916 First Call CC 24 hr 7 day 240 7200 Until Sat. Eves 7.30 pm. **MICHAEL CLARK & COMPANY** in Because We Must. Pa-brom music and some scenes offensive From Tues 5 Jan: SADLER'S WELLS ROYAL BALLET The Snow Queen

THEATRES

ADELPHI 836 7611 or 240 7913 /4 CC 741 9999/ 836 7358/ 379 4444 Grp Sales 930 6123 First Call 24hr cc 240 7200 (no bkg fee) NOW BOOKING TO 2 APRIL. ME AND MY GIRL THE LAMBETH WALK MUSICAL Nightly at 7.30 Mats Wed at 2.30 & Sat 4.30 & 8.00 **"THE HAPPIEST SHOW IN TOWN"** S Express

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM. News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins. **6.55** Weather. **7.00 Breakfast Time** with Jeremy Paxman and Sally Jones. Includes national and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25.** **8.30** The Flintstones (r). **8.55** Regional news and weather. **9.00 News** and weather followed by Neighbours (r) **9.20** Children's BBC presented by Simon Parkin begins with a Laurel and Hardy cartoon (r). **9.30 Why Don't You . . ?** Entertaining ideas for bored youngsters **9.55** Bananaman (r). **10.00 News** and weather **10.05 Charlie Brown Special** (r). **10.30 Play School**, presented by *Mike Amatt and Floella Benjamin.* **10.55** Five to Eleven. A reading by Joanna Lumley **11.00 News** and weather followed by The Littlest Hobo (r). **11.25 A Mirthworm Masquerade.** An animated tale of a masquerade ball for worms **11.50 Cartoon.** **12.00 News** and weather followed by Montreux Rock Festival 1987. Among those performing in today's programme of highlights are Genesis, Smokey Robinson and Mel and Kim **12.55** Regional news and weather. **1.00 News** with Philip Hayton. Weather. **1.15 Cartoons 1.30 Neighbours.** Shane, in desperation, is likely to do something stupid. **1.50 Film: The Champ** (1979) starring John Voight, Faye Dunaway and Ricky Schroder. A tug-of-love tale of a former boxer, on the road to ruin, and his ex-wife, who has remarried into a wealthy family, for the custody of their son who idolizes his father. Directed by Franco Zeffirelli. **3.50 A Paddington Special** narrated by Michael Hordern (r). **4.15 Benji, Zax and the Alien Prince** (r). **4.35 Around the World with Willy Frog.** **5.05 Blue Peter Review of the Year.** Highlights of the programme's year and a preview of what is in store for 1988. (Ceefax) **5.35 Rolf Harris Cartoon Time.** **6.00 News** with Philip Hayton. Weather **6.15** Regional news. **6.20 A Question of Sport.** A repeat of the programme shown last February when Emlyn Hughes and Bill Beaumont were joined by the Princess Royal, Nigel Mansell, John Rutherford and Linford Christie. (Ceefax) **6.55 Top of the Pops** presented by Peter Powell and Gary Davies. **7.30 EastEnders.** The first of two visits to Walford this evening. (continues at 11.30) (Ceefax) **8.00 Ernie Wise Introduces the Morecambe and Wise Classics.** The guests are Tom Jones, Des O'Connor, Diane Rigg and Cliff Richard. (Ceefax) **8.45 Film: Murder on the Orient Express** (1974) starring Albert Finney and Lauren Bacall. Agatha Christie's celebrated Belgian sleuth investigates the murder of a sleeping passenger at an unscheduled stop for the express. Directed by Sidney Lumet. (Ceefax) **10.50 News** with Philip Hayton, regional news and weather. **11.00 To the Manor Born.** A repeat of the final episode of the comedy series starring Penelope Keith and Peter Bowles. **11.30 EastEnders.** Merrymakers fill both the Dagmar and the Queen Vic. (Ceefax) **12.05 Happy New Year.** A greeting from the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie. **12.10 Film: High Society** (1956) starring Bing Crosby, Grace Kelly and Frank Sinatra. Cole Porter musical about a wealthy playboy determined to win back his ex-wife on the eve of her remarriage. Directed by Charles Walters. **2.00 Weather.**

BBC2

9.00 Ceefax. **11.30 Film: An Elephant Called Slowly** (1969) starring Virginia McKenna and Bill Travers. Kenyan adventures of a British couple who are happy to meet playful elephants, a friendly rhino and curious lions. Directed by James Hill. **1.00 Showreel 87.** The final group of semifinalists in the BBCtv and *Radio Times* Awards for Amateur Film and Video Makers. **1.40 Film: Ben Hur** (1959) starring Charlton Heston, Stephen Boyd and Jack Hawkins. Spectacular epic, based on *A Tale of the Christ* by Major General Lew Wallace, about a Judean prince and his battle against the tyrannical Roman occupation forces at the time of Christ. Directed by William Wyler. **5.05 Jack High.** The final of the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament. **5.35 Film: Watership Down** (1978) Animated version of Richard Adams's best-selling novel about a group of rabbits searching for a safe home. Directed by Michael Rosen. **7.05 Bintley's Mozart.** A documentary following the progress of the creation of *Galantries*, a work choreographed by David Bintley set to Mozart's Divertimento K205 and Serenade K101. Among the dancers are Lesley Collier, Bryony Brind, Jonathan Cope, Anthony Dowson, Mark Silver and Fiona Brockway, with the Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet Orchestra conducted by Isaiah Jackson. **8.00 The Continental.** (see Choice). **9.00 Alas Smith and Jones.** A repeat of Mel and Griff's Emmy Award winning show. The guests are Daniel Peacock and George. (Ceefax) **9.35 87 Whistle Test 88.** Five hours of music beginning with Bruce Springsteen Glory Days **11.05 The Bhundu Boys 11.40 Gary Glitter 12.05 U2 — Outside it's America 1.00 The Grateful Dead — Touch of Grey 1.15 That Was Whistle Test That Was.** Highlights from the programme's 16-year history presented by Bob Harris. **2.55 Weather.**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am includes cartoons and other family entertainment and, at **7.00** and **8.00, Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond. **9.25 Thames news** headlines. **9.30 Tickle on the Tum.** Village tales for children, with Ralph McTell and Jacqueline Reddin (r). **10.00 The Wind in the Willows.** Animated version with the voices of David Jason as Toad and Michael Hordern as Badger **10.25 News** headlines **10.30 Santa Barbara.** **11.00 International University Challenge.** The third and final leg of the contest between the United Kingdom champions, Keble College, Oxford, and the champions of New Zealand, the University of Otago. **11.25 Thames news** headlines **11.30 Chuck Jones' Mowgli's Brothers.** An animated adventure adapted from Kipling's *The Jungle Book* and narrated by Roddy McDowall **12.00 The Sullivans.** Drama serial about an Australian family in the 1940s. **12.30 News 12.50 Thames news.** **1.00 Film: Airport** (1969) starring Burt Lancaster. A snowy night at a midwestern American international airport and a crazed bomber is killed on board an airliner which is damaged. The pilot of the stricken aircraft has to be talked down blind. With Dean Martin and, in an Oscar-winning role, Helen Hayes. Directed by George Seaton. **3.25 Thames news** headlines **3.30 Sons and Daughters.** Australian family drama serial. **4.00 Walt Disney Presents.** A Mickey Mouse cartoon (r). **4.05 Bigfoot: Original Monster Truck.** The antics of a 1985 Ford Ranger truck **4.40 The Reluctant Dragon.** Kenneth Grahame's story adapted by Willis Hall. With Simon Callow as the dragon. (Oracle) **5.15 Blockbusters.** General knowledge game for teenagers. **5.45 News** **6.00 Thames news** with Andrew Gardner and John Andrew. **6.35 Crossroads.** Debbie wants a quiet word in Tommy's ear but he studiously ignores her. **7.00 Strike It Lucky.** Quiz game using the latest technology. Presented by Michael Barrymore. **7.40 Film: Sparkling Cyanide** (1983) starring Anthony Andrews, Deborah Raffin and Pamela Bellwood. An Agatha Christie thriller about the murder of the philandering wife of a top lawyer, poisoned at a top restaurant during an anniversary party. A suicide note is found but it is discovered that everyone attending the dinner had cause to murder her. Directed by Robert Lewis. **9.30 News.** **9.45 Taggart: Cold Blood.** The detective investigates the murder of a husband ostensibly shot by his glamorous wife while in the car park of the Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre. Starring Mark McManus and Diane Keen. (Oracle) **11.15 Des O'Connor Tonight.** The entertainer is on a boat cruising down the Thames with, among others, Angela Rippon, Jan Leeming, Danny La Rue, John Inman, Lionel Jeffries and Lulu. **12.15 Film: Flashdance** (1983) starring Jennifer Beals. Rock music story of a woman who is a welder by day and a disco dancer by night. Directed by Adrian Lyne. **2.00 Meltdown.** The Squeeze in concert. **3.00 News** headlines followed by **Film: The Battle of Neretva** (1969) starring Yul Brynner. Second World War drama about the Yugoslav Resistance and their fight against the occupying German Army. Directed by Veljko Bulajic. **5.30 CNN Headline News.** Ends at **6.00.**

CHANNEL 4

9.25 Film: Road to Zanzibar (1941, b/w) starring Bing Crosby, Bob Hope and Dorothy Lamour. Two carnival con-man, stranded in Africa, raise enough money to return home only to spend it on a worthless diamond mine. Directed by Victor Schertzinger. **11.05 Christmas Crackers.** Two animated films for children. **11.30 Street Hockey.** The final of the Tennent's Super National Street Hockey Championship. **12.00 Cricket: The Silk Cut Challenge.** The third and last group of all rounders features Richard Hadlee, Malcolm Marshall and Ravi Ratnayake. **1.00 Tennis: Davis Cup Classic Match.** The game between John McEnroe and Boris Becker played in July. **2.00 Dartmoor — The Threatened Wilderness.** Part three — the autumn (r). (Oracle) **3.00 The Life and Adventures of Nicholas Nickleby.** Part three (r). **5.05 Close Harmony.** The chorus from the Brooklyn Council Center for Senior Citizens are joined by *4th and 5th grade children of the Brooklyn Friends School.* **5.35 The Pearl.** Bristol Docks filmed during the mid-1970s by Nick Gifford (r). **6.00 Wynford.** Part two of Wynford Vaughan Thomas's autobiographical series (r). **7.00 News** summary and weather followed by **It's a Hudd Hudd World.** Roy Hudd celebrates his 50th birthday with friends including June Whitfield. **7.30 Spandau Ballet** in concert (r). **8.30 Odyssey** visits Kerala in southern India; the Amazon; and the Inuit Eskimos. **9.30 The Motown Story.** (see Choice) **11.15 New Year Pieces.** A collection of songs for Hogmanay, old and new, presented by David Hayman and Maureen Beattie. **12.15 Film: The Incredible Shrinking Man** (1957, b/w) starring Grant Williams and Randy Stuart. A man is exposed to radiation and shrinks to a minute size. Directed by Jack Arnold. **1.50 Leos Janacek — Intimate Excursions.** An animated puppet film of the world of Janacek's operas and his life (r). Ends at **2.20.**

No boxing on the box

TELEVISION CHOICE

● Both Frank Bruno and Harry Carpenter turn up in **The Continental** (BBC2, 8.00pm) but not, alas, in tandem. Bruno and Carpenter now vie with the two Ronnies as the funniest double act on the box, and the Bugner fight was much diminished by being on ITV which thus deprived the act of its straight man. A one-off sequel to *The Ritz*, a BBC2 series broadcast earlier in the year, *The Continental* sees our gang of bruisers and losers transported to the Costa del Sol to run a disco improbably owned by big Frank (who plays himself). Viewers of *The Ritz* will recall that our heroes' previous excursion into discoland was prematurely ended by a bunch of heavies led by one Mad Mick. I note that Richard Ridings, the actor who plays Mad Mick, is a former England Rugby international. He looks more like a former English boxing champion and a punch-up with Bruno might have given *The Continental* the perfect climax. Know what I mean, 'Arry? But the chance is missed and though Mad Mick casts his threatening shadow over the proceedings, *The Continental* is concerned less with him and more with our lads eyeing, and pulling, the birds. Along the way there is a strippogram, performed by big Tony, and a body-building competition won by even bigger Kenny. Written, like its predecesssor, by John Godber and mainly performed by players from his Hull Truck Company, *The Continental* has an abundance of pace and energy while staying rather relentlessly in the same place. Harry Carpenter provides the voice-over at the end, but by then Frank Bruno is no more than an occasional face on a television screen and so, sadly, the pair are fated not to meet.



Hands-in-gloves: Frank Bruno with Paul Rider and Andrew Livingston (left, rear) in The Continental, BBC2, 8pm

● Like many a television documentary, **The Motown Story** (Channel 4, 9.30 pm) relies mainly on interviews, intercut with archive film. Indeed, although Paul Gambaccini is credited as co-writer and presenter, he is hardly heard. The film is vivid and, being mostly in black and white, nostalgic, reminding us that it is a quarter of a century since Motown first made its impact on America's — and then the world's — popular music. The roll call of interviewees is prodigious. Perhaps, in the end, there are too many, even for a programme of more than 100 minutes, so that some contributions run to little more than a few sentences. Motown is the story of a remarkable explosion in black talent that occurred in the early 1960s in the automobile city of Detroit. It was harnessed by Berry Gordy Junior, a failed record dealer, would-be song-writer and one-time worker on the Ford assembly line. Before long, Motown had a dozen or more superstars but for every Diana Ross or Marvin Gaye there were equally gifted song-writers and musicians. Unfortunately, the programme is stronger on anecdote than explanation or analysis so that the roots of Motown and the nature of its musical achievement are barely explored. We learn how the Primettes became the Supremes and how songs were put together, but the origin of the Motown sound remains elusive. What does emerge is the chaotic fun of those early years, the pulling together, the triumph of friendship over rivalry. It really was one big happy family. When Motown became big and successful and moved from Detroit to a skyscraper in Los Angeles things were never quite the same. A sobering footnote to 25 years of Motown music is that it can still be more difficult for a black artist than for a white one to get a record played on an American radio station.

Peter Waymark

New Year singalong saved

RADIO CHOICE

● Our gratitude to Radio 2 for resurrecting **The Players** (9.00pm), a history of the gallant London company that continues to keep traditional music hall alive under the railway arches at Charing Cross, should be all the greater now that BBC Television has killed off *The Good Old Days*, that great uninhibited gust without which no New Year festivity schedules were complete. And so, on this New Year's Eve, we will, after all, be able to join the Players Theatre audience in a rousing chorus of "Sons of the Sea" and "'Let's All Go to the Music Hall", and enjoy a reminder, in a creaky archive recording, of the days (long, long before *Edna, the Inebriate Woman)* when the young Patricia Hayes (on this evidence, a far better actress than she was a singer) was partnering *Good Old Days* chairman Leonard Sachs in her male impersonation act.



Patricia Hayes: The Players, on Radio 2, 9.00pm

● Continuing today's theme of Let Us Now Praise Famous Buildings, we cross from Radio 2 to Radio 3 and from under the arches at London's Charing Cross to Paris's Montparnasse where the gastronomic range at that venerable brasserie La Closerie des Lilas is equalled only by the diversity of celebrity that floods into, and out of, its doors. Sanda Miller's **Pleasure Garden** (9.00pm) is not so much a full-length portrait of the establishment as a *mélange* in sound: the spoken thoughts of staff, eaters and drinkers, with linking poems by past patrons, and, running through the whole, the sophisticated playing of the solitary pianist — a reminder that Music While You Gorge has now reached its irreducible minimum. The appeal of this delightful programme is less than it should be because almost everybody speaks in French. The poems, however, are all in English. One of them, apparently, is by Gaugin, though exactly *which* one we are not told. It is certainly not the one in which the four readers din one another out as they race like mad things towards the finishing post.

● Also recommended today: Lehár's **The Merry Widow** (Radio 3, 1.45pm), with Schwarzkopf in the title role, and at the peak of her power; and a dark episode of **The Pickwick Papers** (Radio 4, 3.00pm).

Peter Davalle



St.George in action: a scene from the Cosgrove Hall model animation film The Reluctant Dragon, on ITV, 4.40pm

VARIATIONS

GRAMPIAN As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **6.00-6.35** North Tonight **7.00** Take the High Road **7.30** North Tonight Review of the Year **8.00** Scotland the What? **8.30-9.30** Paul Cola Show **11.15** A Highland Hogmanay! **12.15am** The New Year Show **1.30** Reflections, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Granada Reports **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00** Granada Reports **6.25** This is Your Right **6.30-7.00** Crossroads **2.05am** Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **6.00-6.35** News **2.05am** Close

HTV WALES As HTV West except:6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six.

SCOTTISH As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **3.30** Tell the Story **3.45-4.00** Glen Michael's New Year Greetings **6.00** Scotsport **6.10** Spilt Second Celebrity Special **6.40** Scotland the What? **7.10-7.40** Take the High Road **11.15** High Road to Hogmanay **11.55** The New Year Show **1.30am** A Highland Hogmanay **2.30** Late Call

TSW As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **5.15-5.45** Crossroads **6.00** Today **6.30-7.00** Survival **2.00am** Close

TVS As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors **12.50-1.00** News **6.00-6.35** Coast to Coast **2.05am** Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **6.00** News **6.05** Northern Life Review of 1987 **2.05am** Message for New Year **2.10** Close

ULSTER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 Newstime **3.30-4.00** Bygones **6.00** Six Tonight **6.25-6.35** Police Six **11.15** A Highland Hogmanay **12.15am** Big Band TV Disco Show **1.10** Weather

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.00-12.30pm Lunchtime Live **12.50-1.00** News **2.05am** Closedown.

S4C Starts:9.45am Film: Road to Utopia' **11.30** Kids Kafe **12.00** Cricket **1.00pm** Davis Cup Classic Match: McEnroe v Becker **2.00** Countdown **2.30** Film: Invitation to the Wedding **4.00** Happy Anniversary **4.15** Ffalabalam **4.25** Heroc **5.00** The Man on the Hill **6.00** Brookside **6.30** Biography: John Barrymore' **7.00** Newyddion Saith **7.30** Gwyl Gorawl Cymru **8.30** Dinas **9.00** Cefn Gwlad **10.00** Chwarae Mig **11.30** Gwelwi'r Gwsg **12.00** Myfyrdod **12.15am** Film: Incredible Shrinking Man' **1.45** Leos Janacek: Intimate Excursions **2.20** Closedown.

BBC1 WALES

6.15pm-6.20 Wales Today **SCOTLAND** **5.35pm-6.00** Reporting Scotland **6.15-6.20** It's Hogmanay **6.00** The Vital Spark **6.30** A Scottish Calender **9.00** Fulton **9.40** EastEnders **10.20** A Kick Up the Belts **11.00** Scotch and Wry **11.50** Hogmanay Party Live from the Music Hall, Aberdeen **12.30am** Prologue **12.35** Film: High Society **2.15-2.20** Weather **NORTHERN IRELAND** **6.15pm-6.20** Inside Ulster Newsline **ENGLAND** **6.15pm-6.20pm** Regional News

ANGLIA As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **6.00-6.35** About Anglia **2.05am** Film: Those Magnificent Men in Their Flying Machines **5.30am** America's Top Ten Singles of '87 **6.00** Closedown.

BORDER As London except:12.50pm-1.00 News **3.30-4.00** The Young Doctors **6.00-6.35** Lookaround **11.15** Highland Hogmanay **12.15am** New Years Show **1.30** Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors **12.50-1.00** News **6.00-6.35** News **2.00am** Thursday Special **3.00** Jobfinder. Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except:12.00-12.30pm The Young Doctors **12.50-1.00** News **6.00-6.35** Channel Report **2.05am** Closedown

Radio 1

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see below) News on the half-hour from **6.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00** and **12.00** midnight **5.30am** Adrian John **7.00** Mike Smith's Breakfast Show **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30** Newsbeat (Rod McKenzie) **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Simon Mayo **5.30** Newsbeat **87 7.00** Miss P and Robbie Vincent **10.00-12.00** Adrian Juste's New Year's Eve Party. **VHF** Stereo Radios 1 and 2:- **4.00am** As Radio 2 **10.00pm** As Radio 1 **12.00-4.00am** As Radio 2.

Radio 2

MW (medium wave). Stereo on VHF (see Radio 1) Sports Round-Up **8.50am** **4.00am** Colin Berry **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Jimmy Young Down Under **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Debbie Greenwood **3.30** Adrian John **5.05** John Dunn Goes Adventuring **7.00** Wally Whyton (Sing-Along-A-Country) **8.00** The Players (theatre in a rooftop attic: See Choice) **10.00** The Sporting Year (David Coleman and sporting personalities) **11.00** Ray Moore, incl Big Ben at midnight **2.00-4.00am** Patrick Lunt.

WORLD SERVICE

All programme times given in GMT **0.09am** Newsdesk **0.30** Londres Matin **7.00** News **7.09** Twenty-Four Hours **7.30** They Sold a Million **7.45** Network UK **8.00** News **8.09** Reflections **8.15** Country Style **8.30** John Peel **9.00** News **9.09** Review of the British Press **9.15** World Today **9.30** Financial News followed by Sports Roundup **9.45** Story of English **10.00** News **10.01** Assignment **10.30** Two Cheers for 1987 **11.00** News **11.09** News About Britain **11.15** New Ideas **11.25** A Letter from England **11.30** Londres Midi **12.00** Radio Newsreel **12.15** Multitrack 2 **12.45** Sports Roundup **1.00** News **1.09** Twenty-Four Hours **1.30** Network UK **1.45** Dave Gelly's Songbook **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.45** Write On... **3.00** Radio Newsreel **3.15** The Pleasure's Yours **4.00** News **4.09** Commentary **4.15** Assignment **4.45** World Today **5.00** News **5.09** A Letter From England **5.15** English by Radio **5.45** Londres Soir **6.30** Heure Actuelle **8.00** News **8.09** Twenty-Four Hours **8.30** Meridian **9.00** News **9.01** Merchant Navy Programme **9.15** A Jolly Good Show **10.00** World News **10.09** World Today **10.25** A Letter from Scotland **10.30** Financial News **10.40** Reflections **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.09** Commentary **11.15** New Year at Bush House **12.00** Chimes and Full Strike of Big Ben **12.04** World News **12.11** News About Britain **12.15** Radio Newsreel **12.30** Music Now **1.00** News **1.01** Outlook **1.45** Music on the Hill **2.00** News **2.09** Commentary **2.15** Tech Talk **2.30** Citizens **3.00** News **3.09** News About Britain **3.15** World Today **3.30** Vintage Chart Show **4.00** Newsdesk **4.30** Six Four Eight **4.35** Financial News **4.45** Morgenmagazin **5.45** World Today.

Radio 3

6.55 Weather **7.00** News **7.05** Morning Concert: Mendelssohn (String Symphony No 6: Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra under Kurt Masur), Mozart (Andante für eine Orgelwaltze, K 616: Albion Ensemble), Schumann (Widmung; Der Nussbaum, Myrthen, Op 25 (Richard Tauber, tenor, and Percy Kahn, piano), Fauré (Piano Quartet No 1: Domus) **8.00** News bulletin **8.05** Concert (continued): Francaix (Six danses exotiques; Geneviève Joy and Jacqueline Robin-Bonneau, pianos), Paganini (Terzetto in D: John Williams, guitar; Alan Loveday, violin; Amaryllis Fleming, cello), Walton (Facade suite: City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Louis Frémaux) **9.00** World Service News **9.10** This Week's Composer: Ravel. Recordings including the Violin Sonata; the Introduction and Allegro **10.00** The Octave of the Nativity: Pontifical High Mass of St Sylvester. William Byrd Choir under Gavin Turner **10.55** Taneyev: Borodin Trio play the Piano Trio in D major, Op 22 **11.45** Robert Mayer Concert for youngsters : London Chamber Symphony, under Odaline de la Martinez. Copland's Estribillo (Three Latin American sketches), Ginastera's Variaciones concertantes, and Villa-Lobos's Bachiana Brasileira No 2 **1.00** News bulletin **1.05** Balakirev Piano Music: Angela Brownridge plays Sonata in B flat minor; Intermezzo; and Scherzo in B minor **1.45** The Merry Widow: Lehár's three-act operetta. Sung in German. With Elisabeth Schwarkopf (as Hanna Glawari), and Eberhard Waechter (as Danilo). Cast also includes Nicholai Gedda, Josef Knapp and Hanny Steffek. Lovro von Matacic conducts Philharmonia Chorus and Orchestra **3.20** A Man, a Woman and a Double-Bass: Lowri Blake (cello), Peter Buckoke (double-bass) play Pleyel's Theme and Variations, Rossini's Duetto, and David Collins's Three Fantasias **3.55** The Price of Perfection: documentary about Herbert von Karajan. With David Wheeler. Contributors include James Galway.



Elisabeth Schwarzkopf: on Radio 3, 1.45pm

Elisabeth Schwarzkopf, Elizabeth Harwood, and Gareth Morris (r) **4.55** Karajan conducts Berlin Philharmonic: Brahms (Symphony No 1, and Variations on St Anthony Chorale), Wagner (The Mastersingers overture) **6.20** Bandstand: National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain, under Harry Legge. Dominic Muldowney's Suite: 1984; and Nigel Hess's East Coast Pictures **6.55** News **7.00** Nuovo Quartetto: Beethoven's Quartet in E flat, Op 127; and Schubert's Quartet Movement in C minor, D 703 **8.20** Ravel: Anja van Wijk (mezzo), Ruud van der Meer (baritone), Rudolf Jansen (piano), Graham Mayger (flute), Lionel Handy (cello). Including Don Quichotte à Dulcinée; Mélodies hébraiques; and Trois chansons **9.00** Pleasure Garden: Sanda Miller's portrait of the Montparnasse brasserie La Closerie des Lilas. With readings by Victoria Carling, Simon Cuff, Michael Deacon, and Brian Hewlett (see Choice) **9.30** Le Boeuf sur le toit: Champs-Elysées Theatre Orchestra under Darius Milhaud **9.55** Peter Katin plays Chopin Nocturnes: the Op 37 No 1 in G minor, No 2 in G; and the Op 48 No 1 in C minor, and No 2 in F sharp minor **10.30** The Feast of Fools: New London Consort under Philip Pickett, with Robert Stephens (narrator), in a musical reconstruction of medieval festivities **11.57** News. And , at **12.00**, Big Ben welcomes 1988

Radio 4

LW (long wave). (s) stereo on VHF **5.55** Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer (s) **6.30** Today, incl **6.30, 7.30, 8.30** News **6.45** Business News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **7.00, 8.00** News **7.25, 8.25** Sport **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.42** Life's Rich Pageant read by Arthur Marshall (final part) **8.57** Weather; Travel **9.00** News bulletin **9.05** After Henry: Bittersweet comedy series about three generations of women in the same family. With Prunella Scales (r) (s) **9.35** Meera: Actress, comedienne and writer Meera Syal talks about her career and the complications it causes for someone who is part of the Asian community **10.00** News; A Tradition of Sympathy (4) Not Like Mills and Boon. Nurses and physiotherapists talk about their work and the lack of respect there is for it (r)(**10.30** Uncle Mort's North Country (4): The Man Who Watched the Trains Go By. With Stephen Thorne as Uncle Mort and Peter Skellern as his nephew **10.45** An Act of Worship (s) **11.00** News; Travel; Citizens: part two of Happy New Year? (s) **11.25** Glyndebourne Revisited: In a programme made 20 years ago, the late David Franklin revisited the Glyndebourne opera house with which he had been involved before the war **12.00** News; Nation of Shopkeepers 4: A Boutique in Barnsley. The facts about Pollyanna, which is run by Rita Britton **12.25** Starring Leslie Wiley: Comedy starring Leslie Phillips and Eric Sykes (3) The Auditions (s) **12.55** Weather **1.00** The World At One **1.40** The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00** News; Woman's Hour: some highlights from programmes heard during 1987. And Sean Barratt tells the story Chief Seattle's Testimony **3.00** News: The Pickwick Papers by *Charles Dickens.* The penultimate episode of this adaptation by Barry Campbell: Wells and Bars. With Freddie Jones as Mr Pickwick (r) (s) **4.00** News; The Burkiss Way Christmas Show 1979. Zany comedy (r) (s) **4.30** Cloak Episode: Kaleidscope takes a light-hearted look at the arts, with Paul Allen **5.00** PM, with features on the main news stories of the day **5.30** Profile. Jockey Steve Cauthen in conversation with Brough Scott **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00** News, incl Financial Report **6.15** The Hundred and One Dalmatians by Dodie Smith (6) Miracle needed. The storyteller is Dorothy Tutin **6.30** Murder at the Red Octobar by Anthony Olcott (final part **7.00** News bulletin **7.05** The Archers **7.20** Inside Job: Phil Smith offers an intimate view of working life in Lancashire, and meets the Dustbin Men **7.45** Crime at Christmas: Murder by Degrees; by John Abinert. The setting: an old gentlemen's retirement home, where there is a poisoner at large. Cast includes Peter Copley, Hedley Goodall, Richenda Carey and Gordon Reid(s) **9.15** Singer's Choice: Nigel Douglas talks about Renata Tebaldi, and plays some of her recordings (r) **9.45** Kaleidoscope: Profile of the performance poetry group Circus of Poets who merge the literary art with cabaret and appear nationwide in clubs, pubs, schools and art centres (r) **10.15** A Book at Bedtime: The Story of My Life, by Augustus Hare (episode 4 of 5). The reader is Richard Vernon **10.29** Weather **10.30** The World Tonight **11.00** Best of Loose Ends (Part 2) hosted by Ned Sherrin with some of the programme regulars (including Stephen Fry, Carol Thatcher and Robert Elms) looking back at some of their favourite items from the past year. **12.00** News bulletin **12.05** Meditation and Music for the New Year led by Richard Bewes, Rector of All Souls' Church, Langham Place, London **12.33** Shipping Forecast **VHF** as above except: **1.58-2.00pm** Listening Corner with Hannah Gordon (s) **5.50-5.55** Programme News

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Policy on gay clergy sought

By Mark Ellis

Bishops in the Church of England are being urged to lay down guidelines on the ordination of practising homosexual clergymen to end a row simmering on the issue since last month's General Synod.

With an increasing number of bishops announcing that they intend to bar practising homosexual clergy from ministry in their dioceses, senior church officials are pressing for the earliest possible policy statement.

Last night the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, was accused of hypocrisy over his attitudes to homosexual vicars by the 4,000-member Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement which says it has 1,000 clergymen as members.

The topic of homosexual clergymen will be high on the agenda when the 53-member House of Bishops assembles in London on February 9 for the first of its triennial meetings of 1988.

The impetus for the debate comes from church administrators who have become increasingly anxious about criteria for selecting prospective clergymen as at present they judge personal qualities such as "integrity, stability, knowledge and reliability" more important than sexual orientation.

Fuelling the controversy will be the decisions yesterday of two more bishops to join the Bishop of Truro, the Rt Rev Peter Mumford, and the Bishop of Norwich, the Rt Rev Peter Nott, in endorsing the policy of the Bishop of Ripon, the Rt Rev David Young, who has said he does not intend to ordain or appoint practising homosexual clergy.

Supporting the stand, the Bishop of Hull, the Rt Rev Donald Snelgrove, said that any serving vicar would face disciplinary action if it became known he was a practising homosexual. And the Bishop of Carlisle, the Rt Rev David Halsey, said: "I would no more be willing to ordain a practising homosexual than I would be to ordain a man practising adultery."

Dr Runcie joined the controversy by saying that the Bishop of Ripon was speaking of "the kind of discipline and charity" which he himself had always exercised in his diocese in St Albans and now in Canterbury.

BBC chiefs invite public to 'see for yourself'



Dwarfed by images of Anita Dobson, the *EastEnders* actress, and Sir Robin Day, the television and radio presenter, Mr Michael Checkland, the BBC's director-general and, right, Mr Marmaduke Hussey, its chairman, yesterday launched the drive to improve public relations, which includes the *See for Yourself* programme (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

Thatcher milestone as Prime Minister

By Sheila Gann
Political Staff

Mrs Thatcher achieves another record on Sunday, when she passes Asquith's record to become the longest continuous serving Prime Minister this century. She will have been in office for eight years 244 days.

She is planning a celebration at Downing Street, together with a photocall, to mark the milestone. The start of Mrs Thatcher's trip to Kenya and Nigeria has been delayed until Monday morning for her to enjoy the occasion.

To become the longest serving Prime Minister ever, Mrs Thatcher will have to continue in office until March 14 in the year 2000, thereby passing Sir Robert Walpole's 20 years 314 days.

Officials decided to err on the side of caution by opting for January 3 as the date when Mrs Thatcher breaks Asquith's record. Asquith resigned on December 5, 1916, but Lloyd George, his successor, did not take over until December 7 and so experts disagree about which date to choose for Asquith's departure.

Downing Street does not believe Britain was left without a Prime Minister for two days and assumes Asquith carried on as caretaker until December 7.

Checkland steps in over dispute on 'Newsnight'

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

Mr Michael Checkland, the BBC's director general, yesterday stepped into the dispute over programme scheduling and announced that he was responsible for deciding *Newsnight* should have a regular 10.30 pm transmission time.

His decision to speak out not only took corporation executives by surprise, but appeared a deliberate attempt to move the focus of critical attention away from Mr John Birt, the deputy director general and head of news and current affairs, who has been "blamed" for the proposed change.

Officials at the highest level in the BBC are becoming increasingly worried by the constant stream of anti-Birt stories which appear regularly in newspapers.

Those include the latest reports that he is deliberately attempting to undermine the power of Mr Bill Cotton, managing director of network television, and his two new channel controllers, in matters of programme scheduling.

Mr Checkland went out of his way to emphasize that as director general he was the BBC editor-in-chief, contrary to recent speculation that Mr Birt, in practice, held that role.

He said that ever since *Newsnight* had been introduced to the BBC its late-night transmission time had varied considerably, starting at any time between 10.15 and 11 pm, and attempts in the past two years to give it a fixed time had not succeeded, he said.

"I concluded this was rather unsatisfactory. It is the only news-related programme in this country on any channel which has this variable time.

"Some would see that as a certain strength in the flexibility of BBC2 scheduling. I see it as a weakness in our news and current affairs coverage".

He added: "I looked at it very carefully and I concluded the appropriate fixed time was 10.30 pm. What I have said is that we will aim for a 10.30 fixed time from next autumn and we will see how that goes".

Mr Checkland emphasized that all applicants who had been interviewed before the recent appointment of a new BBC2 controller had favoured a fixed time for the news and current affairs programme. That included Mr Alan Yentob, who got the job.

Mr Checkland's intervention may take some of the pressure off Mr Birt, but the decision represents a victory for his deputy director general's powerful news and current affairs directorate.

Mr Checkland's decision on *Newsnight* will, however, hamper complementary programming between BBC1 and 2 after the news at 9 pm.

The rigid programme timetabling will also provide a golden opportunity for the ITV companies to beat the BBC in the ratings battle.

Paper's action condemned by Downing Street

Honours release at risk after breach

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Downing Street is considering punitive measures against the press and broadcasting media after a national newspaper broke the embargo on the New Year Honours list.

Mr Bernard Ingham, the Prime Minister's press secretary, may end the arrangements under which journalists are given advance copies of Government publications to help them prepare their reports.

The threat of a clampdown came after *The Sun* disclosed parts of the list in yesterday's editions. A Downing Street spokeswoman said: "We are considering what can be done, including the possibility of ending the embargo system".

Mr Ingham wrote to Mr Kelvin Mackenzie, the editor of *The Sun*, yesterday asking for an explanation of the breach of trust. He pointed out that the list had been clearly marked as embargoed until today.

He described the newspaper's action as "absolutely disgraceful" when told of it on Tuesday night and he is understood to have reiterated this view in his letter to Mr Mackenzie.

Contrary to some reports, Mr Ingham has not discussed the matter with Mrs Thatcher, who is taking a short break from her duties. She is certain to take an equally dim view of the affair. Mr Ingham told *The Times* that the embargo system depended on it being universally observed by all sections of the media and unless they demonstrated that they valued it, it would be impossible to maintain.

He is reluctant to take action against *The Sun* alone because of the difficulties of enforcing selective sanctions. The newspaper would still receive embargoed information from news agencies.

Mr Mackenzie said yesterday that he would assure Downing Street that there would be no further breaches of embargoes.

Mr George Jones, chairman of the Parliamentary Lobby, deplored *The Sun's* action as a totally unacceptable breach of trust, contrary to the rules of the Lobby and to journalistic ethics.

Noting that the newspaper's political staff were not involved in the affair, he added: "The Lobby is anxious to maintain the embargo system because it is of invaluable assistance to national and provincial newspapers and the broadcasting media".

Mr Kenneth Morgan, director of the Press Council, said: "Newspapers that accept news under embargo pledge themselves to respect that embargo".

Mr Keith Parker, president of the Guild of Newspaper Editors, deplored an embargo breach by a national newspaper "yet again" and contrasted the responsible behaviour of provincial newspapers with the attitude taken by sections of Fleet Street.

Five years ago the embargo system was suspended for several months after *The Times* disclosed that Lt Col 'H' Jones was to be awarded a Victoria Cross posthumously for his bravery during the Falklands War.

In contrast to the latest breach, the report appeared several hours before the 1982 Falklands Honours List was released by Downing Street, and was defended by the newspaper on those grounds. Other newspapers then ignored the embargo and carried details of the honours.

Britons held in Swedish drugs swoop

Stockholm — In their biggest drug swoop since the one that led to the jailing of British Life Guard Captain Simon Hayward, Swedish police have detained an Irishman and two Britons on suspicion of smuggling 53 kilos of cannabis worth £500,000 into the country (Christopher Mosey writes).

Michael Joseph Hogan, aged 41, an Irishman, with Kevin David Clark, aged 31, and Jason Stuart Gregory, aged 22, were remanded in custody for a month here yesterday. Allan Andersson, a Dane aged 27, was also remanded.

Haunted by night of March 6

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many others on that day," said Captain Lewry from his home in Sandwich.

Mr Skippen's widow, Lynda, opened a bottle of champagne at midnight last night to toast her late husband. She said: "When Michael died trying to help others, my world died with him. We had been so happy and were planning to start a family when the disaster occurred.

"When I heard from Downing Street that he was to be awarded the George Medal, it made me the proudest woman in Britain." Mrs Judy Powell, Mr Skippen's mother, said: "Michael was a man who lived to help people ... Michael had got out of the ship, but then went back inside to save the lives of other trapped passengers. That would be just like him. I can understand how he laid down his life for others."

Of the 31 awards to people involved in the Zeebrugge rescue operation, five — Mr Skippen's George Medal plus four Queen's Gallantry Medals — go to members of the Herald's crew. An unprecedented total of 13 awards are given to Belgian nationals, including an honorary KBE to Mr Olivier Vanneste, the governor of West Flanders.

The Queen's Gallantry Medal also goes to two civilian Belgian divers, Mr Dirk van Mullem, aged 45, and Mr Piet Lagast, aged 37, who were the first divers to enter the wreck.

Gallantry Medals also go to Lieutenant Alfons Dams, head of the Belgian Navy diving team at Zeebrugge, and to Lieutenant Guido Couwenbergh, commander of the minesweeper *Bredel* which played a major role in supervising the rescue.

Last night, Lieutenant Couwenbergh was facing new dangers as he commanded the *Bredel* on minesweeping operations in the Gulf. Two divers from a Royal Navy minesweeper, *HMS Hursworth*, itself on Gulf duty, also receive Queen's Gallantry Medals. Lieutenant Simon Bound and Able Seaman Eamon "Ginge" Fullen spent five hours diving on the capsized ship, the latter discovering three men still alive in the lorry drivers' accommodation.

Ferry heroes named in New Year Honours list

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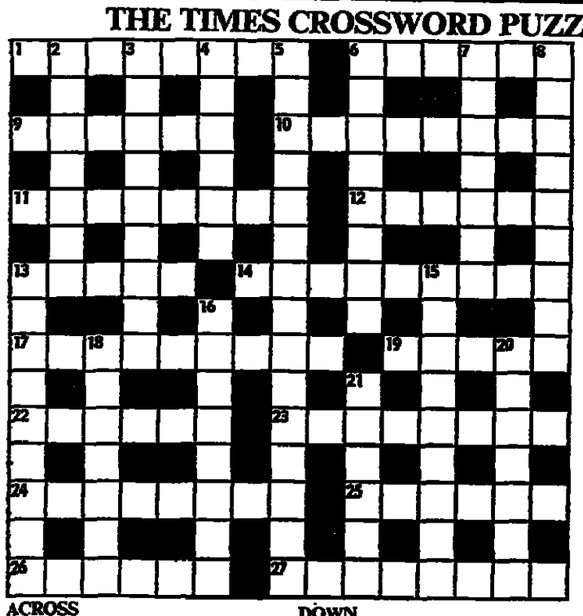
Counsellors, Mr Peter Brooke, recently appointed as chairman of the Conservative Party, Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Health, and Mr Cranley Onslow, MP for Woking and chairman of the Conservative Backbench 1922 Committee.

Three Conservative MPs, Mr Neil Macfarlane, the former Minister for Sport, Mr James Spicer and Mr Charles Morrison, are knighted. Another, Mrs Elaine Kellett-Bowman, is made a DBE.

Also knighted is Mr Antony Jay, who receives the honour for political and public service. He formerly worked in the Treasury, where he wrote budget speeches for the Chancellor before becoming famous as a co-author of *Yes, Prime Minister*.

Among other political awards are CBEs for Stephen Sherbourne, who is standing down as Mrs Thatcher's political secretary, and Mr Adrian Slade, president of the Liberal Party, who was recommended for an honour by Mr David Steel. Mr Steel also recommended Mr Anthony Jacobs, former joint treasurer of the Liberal Party and chairman of the British School of Motoring, who receives a knighthood. In all, there are 56 awards for political and public service — 50 Conservatives and six Liberals have been honoured. As usual, Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, made no recommendations.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 17,553



ACROSS

1 Restrict dangerous driver — he's often flat out on the road (8).
6 Stout chap in Parliament (6).
9 Pretend to have influence (6).
10 About to level peg with Sally (8).
11 Heavens, a Frenchman can be a devil of a swine (8).
12 Establish position in team (6).
13 Not prepared to one's taste (2-3).
14 No curates should get involved with her (9).
17 Some surveyors arranged for an aircraft (9).
19 Man seeking arms, say — that's in order (5).
22 He avoids being booked as a pilferer (6).
23 Walk to mountain? No way — I'll prop up the bar (4-4).
24 Shakespeare's flibbertigibbet is scared to move (8).
25 Merry minute (6).
26 Girl goes to America to become a composer (6).
27 Canvass for a slice of bread (8).

DOWN

2 Magical place to see African beast drinking fluid (3-4).
3 Mistaking range, get killed by Royal Guard (9).
4 This is the way to beat your wife (6).
5 Does it surround country house in Kent, perhaps? (6,2,7).
6 Press for trophy, being on top of the table (8).
7 Is likely to fall for the dustmen (7).
8 Dash of sugar (9).
13 Aristocratic supporter of the French state (9).
15 I hear you split sides almost, convulsed by old playwright (9).
16 Mean error puts it just off target (4,4).
18 Prosecutor rises to prepare for speech (7).
20 To tackle this crossword is beneath Jack — forgive him! (7).
21 Seen in a colourful display of arms? (6).

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

DOCK ASTHMA
a. A disease of the Rumex
b. Stevedores' skiving
c. Simulated surprise

FABRILE
a. Mechanical
b. Feverish
c. Wooden caulking

PENELOPIZE
a. To emasculate
b. To waste time
c. To weave

WAYZGOOSE
a. A printers' party
b. The goosander
c. A drunkard

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Solution to Puzzle No 17,552



Concise Crossword, page 11

WEATHER

A depression over north-west Scotland is giving strong to gale force winds and blustery showers. Any rain in north-east Scotland and south-east England will clear but sunny intervals and blustery showers, will follow. Over Scotland, Northern Ireland and northern England, there will be more persistent rain. It will be a windy day in most places. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: unsettled and colder.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

	C	F		C	F
Ajaccio	c	14	57	Majorca	f	15	59
Akrotiri	s	17	63	Malaga	s	14	57
Amst'dm	c	8	46	Malta	s	17	63
Athens	s	16	61	Melb'rne	s	25	77
Barbados*	s	29	84	Mexico C*	s	13	55
Belgrade	s	15	59	Miami*	s	19	66
Berlin	f	11	52	Moscow	sn	-5	23
Bermuda*	c	21	70	Nairobi	f	29	84
Biarritz	s	14	57	Naples	c	13	55
Brussels	c	11	52	N Delhi	s	19	66
Budapest	f	15	59	N York*	f	-2	28
B Aires*	c	26	79	Oslo	f	2	36
Cairo	f	19	66	Paris	c	10	50
Capo Tn	s	29	73	Peking	s	-5	23
Cologne	f	12	54	Rhodes	s	16	61
Corfu	s	17	63	Rome	s	11	52
Geneva	c	1	34	S Paulo*	f	32	90
Gibraltar	s	15	59	Sing'por	f	27	81
Helsinki	sn	1	34	Stockh'm	c	7	45
Hong K	f	25	77	Sydney	f	23	73
Innsbruck	f	3	37	Tangier	s	15	59
Istanbul	s	11	52	Tel Aviv	f	18	61
Jakarta	s	28	79	Tenerife	f	21	70
Jo'burg*	c	23	73	Tokyo	s	17	63
Karachi	f	23	73	Valencia	s	12	54
La Toquet	d	11	52	Vanc'ver	r	3	37
Lisbon	c	10	50	Vienna	f	14	57
Locarno	fg	3	37	Warsaw	c	10	50
L Angels*	f	10	50	Wash'ton*	r	2	36
Luxemb'g	d	7	45	Wel'ton	c	17	63
Madrid	fg	-1	30	Zurich	s	7	45

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	-	.05	11	52	rain
Bridlington	-	.10	8	46	rain
Hunstanton	0.1	.12	10	50	rain
Lowestoft	0.1	.03	9	48	rain
Clacton	1.2	.15	9	48	shower
Southend	-	.11	10	50	rain
Folkestone	-	.15	10	50	fog
Hastings	-	.24	10	50	drizzle
Eastbourne	-	.31	11	52	rain
Worthing	-	.31	11	52	rain
Lllfehafan	-	.35	11	52	rain
Bognor R	-	.25	11	52	rain
Sandown	-	.30	11	52	rain
Shanklin	-	.45	11	52	rain
Poole	-	.30	13	55	rain
Swanage	-	.28	11	52	rain
Weymouth	-	.28	11	52	rain
Teignmouth	-	.27	10	50	rain
Torquay	-	.28	13	55	rain
Penzance	-	.33	13	55	rain
Scilly Isles	-	.15	13	55	rain
Carlisle	-	.13	9	48	rain
Anglesey	-	.18	11	52	rain
Aberdeen	2.5	-	6	43	bright
Aviemore	0.8	.35	8	46	cloudy
Eskdalemuir	-	.24	7	45	rain
Kinloss	-	-	8	46	bright
Prestwick	-	.02	9	48	rain
Tiree	-	.21	9	48	rain
Wick	1.8	.01	8	46	sunny

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	10.44	6.2	11.26	6.4
Aberdeen	10.44	3.6	10.59	3.7
Avonmouth	3.50	11.0	4.26	11.3
Belfast	8.16	3.1	8.49	3.2
Cardiff	3.35	10.2	4.11	10.5
Devonport	2.31	4.8	2.57	4.7
Dover	7.54	5.8	8.36	5.7
Falmouth	2.01	4.6	2.27	4.5
Glasgow	9.40	4.2	10.15	4.3
Harwich	8.29	3.4	9.18	3.5
Holyhead	7.35	4.7	7.52	4.9
Hull	2.50	6.5	3.48	6.3
Ilfracombe	2.43	7.4	3.15	7.7
Leith	11.51	4.8	----	---
Liverpool	6.16	7.9	6.38	8.1
Lowestoft	6.01	2.3	7.10	2.2
Margate	9.42	4.2	9.38	4.2
Milford Haven	3.04	5.7	3.34	5.8
Newquay	2.01	5.8	2.30	5.8
Oban	3.04	3.1	3.34	3.4
Penzance	1.40	4.8	2.04	4.7
Portland	3.18	1.7	3.58	1.6
Portsmouth	8.26	4.2	9.02	4.1
Shoreham	8.03	5.3	8.41	5.2
Southampton	8.06	4.1	8.38	4.0
Swansea	3.14	7.8	3.42	8.1
Tees	12.27	4.7	1.14	4.7
Whitby-on-Nze	8.29	3.7	9.17	3.7

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.280ft. Times are GMT.

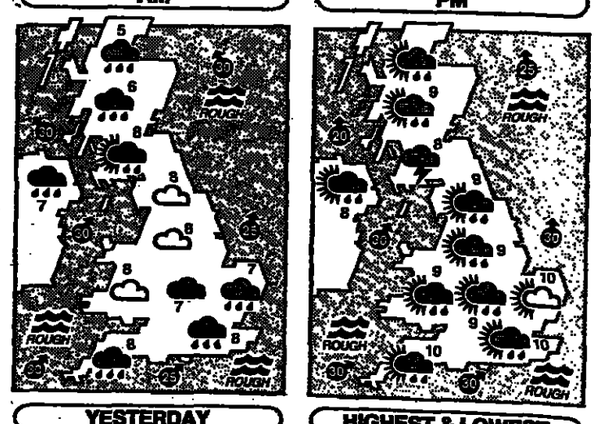
THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.07	2.59
Austria Sch	21.65	20.55
Belgium Fr	64.40	61.20
Canada $	2.51	2.39
Denmark Kr	11.88	11.28
Finland Mkk	7.70	7.30
France Fr	10.38	9.86
Germany Dm	3.08	2.92
Greece Dr	275	255
Hong Kong $	14.80	14.10
Ireland Pt	1.16	1.10
Italy Lire	2285	2155
Japan Yen	248	233
Netherlands Gld	3.46	3.29
Norway Kr	12.15	11.50
Portugal Esc	252	239
South Africa Rd	4.80	3.9
Spain Pta	209	198
Sweden Kr	11.25	10.70
Switzerland Fr	2.48	2.36
USA $	1.93	1.84
Yugoslavia Dnr	3000	2900

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.

Retail Price Index: 103.4 (November).

London: The *FT* Index closed up 25.7 at 1668.9.



YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F
Belfast	r	9	48	Guernsey	r	11	52
Birmingham	r	8	46	Inverness	s	6	43
Blackpool	r	7	45	Jersey	d	11	52
Bristol	r	11	52	London	r	11	52
Cardiff	r	9	48	M'chester	c	8	46
Edinburgh	s	5	41	Newcastle	r	7	45
Glasgow	r	7	45	N'ddaway	r	9	48

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Tuesday: Highest day temp: Finningley, South Yorkshire, 15C (59F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 9C (48F); highest rainfall: Eskdalemuir, Dumfries and Galloway, 0.91 in; highest sunshine: Belfast, 3.1 hr.

MANCHESTER

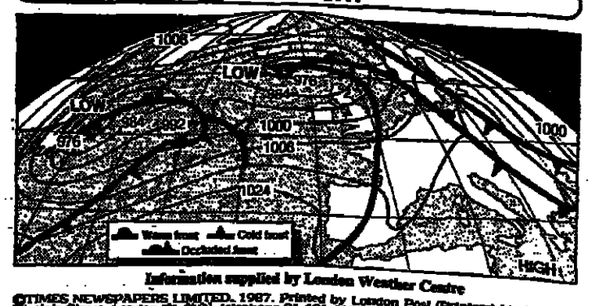
Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 11C (52F); min 6 pm to 6 am,8C (43F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, nil.

LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 4.31 pm to 7.36 am
Bristol 4.41 pm to 7.46 am
Edinburgh 4.17 pm to 8.14 am
Manchester 4.28 pm to 7.55 am
Penzance 4.58 pm to 7.51 am

Sun rises: 8.06 am
Sun sets: 4.01 pm
Moon sets 4.59 am
Moon rises 12.49 pm
Full Moon January 4

NOON TODAY



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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1408.0 (+25.7)

FT-SE 100
1759.8 (+29.5)

Bargains
16546 (19644)

USM (Datastream)
137.37 (+1.77)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.8600 (+0.0025)

W German mark
2.9648 (+0.0021)

Trade-weighted
75.6 (same)

Arco adds to Britoil stake

US oil group builds holding 'to 21.2%'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Arco, the Californian oil company, yesterday moved back into the London stock market to add to its holding in Britoil, the Glasgow exploration company, leading to renewed speculation that it will announce a full takeover bid next week.

BP is already committed to making a full offer for Britoil, at a price higher than the 450p a share it has already paid for Britoil stock on the market. BP has 29.9 per cent of Britoil, and the Arco holding is now believed to be 21.2 per cent.

BP itself is subject to predatory action from the Kuwait Investment Office, which yesterday announced that it had moved back into the market and increased its holding in the company from 17.4 per cent to 18.03 per cent by picking up a further 35 million BP partly-paid shares at 71.6p.

Arco has been active in London through Salomon Brothers, the investment house, and although making no official statement it is understood to have adopted a policy of "nibbling away" at the market, adding to its Britoil holding.

Arco is believed to have paid 436p and 437p for its shares yesterday. Unlike BP it can buy at the market price until it too has 29.9 per cent of the company. BP is prevented by Stock Exchange rules from taking its stake higher until it makes a full bid, and it must offer no less than 450p.

The Britoil executive board is backing the Arco plan to take a 49.9 per cent holding in the company, and to move its non-US oil exploration portfolio to Glasgow. It is opposing the BP move, although BP has said that it will keep the Britoil Glasgow operation intact, move its own exploration department to Glasgow, and create more jobs.

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Mr Alex Salmond, deputy leader of the Scottish National Party, said yesterday that he supported the American rather than the London proposals.

He said: "In terms of job security and future expansion prospects there can be no subsititue for Britoil remaining an independent, Scottish-based company."

Enthusiasm for investment in the oil sector is expected to increase in the first weeks of the new year if the world oil price continues its upward climb: North Sea Brent crude for February delivery moved marginally above the $17 a barrel mark yesterday.

The price still has some way to go before reaching the target of $18 a barrel set by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), but world oil traders are now taking the view that a sudden deterioration in the weather in Western Europe — oil demand has been kept low because of unseasonal weather — could send prices up to that level.

Britain is still producing oil worth more than £25 million a day from the North Sea. Figures issued by the Royal Bank of Scotland show that an average of 2.53 million barrels a day were produced in November.

During that month world oil prices fell by 5.1 per cent, while the dollar fell by 6.9 per cent against the pound. Although the world oil price was falling the pound was rising in value against the dollar — all world oil transactions are dollar denofminated — and the sterling price remained above £10 a barrel. North Sea output peaked during 1987 at 2.7 million barrels a day.

Sir Philip buys more Harris Queensway shares



Cashing in: Sir Philip Harris, of Harris Queensway, £260,000 richer after this week's buy

Instant profit for Harris

By Joe Joseph

Sir Philip Harris, the chairman of Harris Queensway, appears to be having better luck with his stock market dealings than with his troubled furnishing-to-toys group.

Sir Philip made an instant profit of £260,000 yesterday after he revealed that he had bought 2 million Harris Queensway shares from an undisclosed source at 115p each on Tuesday, the day the market staged its biggest fall since the October crash. The shares climbed to 128p yesterday. Last month Sir Philip bought 1.75 million Harris Queensway shares at about 105p.

"At this sort of level the shares are a reasonable buy, so I bought them," Sir Philip said yesterday. "I'd rather have my money in my own shares than in other people's in this kind of market."

Tuesday's purchase follows an equally well-managed piece of selling last summer. Sir Philip's charitable trust and a family trust run for the benefit of his children sold a million shares each at 239.5p in June.

A spokesman for merchant bank County NatWest, which acted for Sir Philip, said Tuesday's purchase added just under 1 per cent to the 16 per cent of Harris Queensway already owned by Sir Philip and his family interests.

Bremner appeal on EGM date

Bremner, the property and financial services group, is appealing against the ruling of the Edinburgh Court of Session that an extraordinary general meeting called to oust its chairman, Mr Jim Rowland-Jones, should be held on January 18.

The EGM has been requested by Bremner's managing director, Mr Denis McGuinness, who is also seeking shareholders' approval to remove two other Bremner directors from office.

Bremner had planned to hold the EGM on June 9 next year but Mr McGuinness obtained the court ruling in favour of the earlier date.

Dollar eases

The dollar eased in light trading on London foreign exchanges yesterday in spite of modest support from central banks. It closed at DM1.5940, compared with an opening level of 1.5965, and at Y123.37 against 123.47.

Sterling's trade-weighted index slipped from 75.7 to 75.6 after a quiet day. The pound ended the day slightly lower against the dollar at 1.8585 from the opening 1.8590.

GrandMet in Martell fight with £368m offer

By Our City Staff

Grand Metropolitan, the British hotels and drinks group, has officially entered the battle for control of Martell, France's second largest cognac house after Moët-Hennessy, with a £368 million bid.

The move comes just two weeks after Martell appeared to have fallen to the Canadian spirits group Seagram in a deal GrandMet feels is invalid under French law.

Seagram outflanked GrandMet when it boasted a fortnight ago that it had secured the pivotal 41 per cent stake held by the Martell family since 1715. It added that it had already picked up 11.59 per cent of Martell's shares in the open market.

The move caught GrandMet — which has an extensive distribution agreement with Martell, backed by a 19.9 per cent stake in the company — off its guard.

GrandMet disclosed its response yesterday when it revealed it had told the French stock exchange on Christmas Eve of its plans to make a public tender offer for Martell shares at FFr2,675 each — trumping the FFr2,500-a-share offered by Seagram and valuing Martell at about £340 million.

"We've questioned the validity of Seagram's bid," Mr Tim Halford, of GrandMet, said last night, "and the French stock exchange is expected to make an announcement tomorrow or on Monday regarding the status of the rival approaches. We've put our cards on the table in an attempt to clarify the issue."

He added: "Martell would bring us a very good brand, a company we know well and respect. The price we have offered is a very full and very fair one.

"We've had approval from the French authorities to announce the offer, although the offer has not yet been approved by the necessary government departments. But the fact that the Paris bourse approved of our making today's announcement proves it is not as open and shut a case as some people think."

It is understood that Seagram has not actually made a public tender offer

Under French regulations, if it now wishes to do so, it must offer shareholders 5 per cent more than the price offered by Martell.

Martell shares have been suspended after closing on December 15 at FFr2,390.

GrandMet has not spoken to Martell about its offer. The approach by Seagram a fortnight ago, made through its French champagne subsidiary Mumm et Cie, appeared to carry the blessing of M René Firono Martell, who said the deal would strengthen Martell's muscle in the export market.

Freemans admits problems

By Lawrence Lever

Freemans, Britain's third-largest mail order group, which is subject to a hostile £430 million takeover bid from the Sears retailing empire, yesterday posted its formal defence document to its shareholders.

As well as making the customary rejection noises — the Sears bid is described as "unsolicited and opportunistic" — it openly confesses to new trading difficulties.

These have arisen since the disappointing half-year results to August 15.

The defence document said: "Business picked up well in October but was disappointing in the pre-Christmas weeks. We believe that this was in part due to the effect of the threatened postal strike." This affected the company's traditional mail-order business.

It also had start-up problems with the introduction of two new "specialogues" — magazine-style catalogues aimed at particular target groups.

Mr Ralph Aldred, Freemans managing director, said he had spoken to a number of the company's leading shareholders, including Great Universal Stores, which owns 9.1 per cent of the company.

He said GUS was "not promising anything" at this stage, but added: "If we believe that it is a strategic stake, then GUS is likely to use it strategically." GUS has the largest share of the British mail order market.

The Freemans defence does not include a profit forecast although one will be made after January 5, the first closing date for the Sears bid.

Granada triumphs in £250m Electronic Rentals battle

By Colin Campbell

Granada Group yesterday declared its £250 million bid for Electronic Rentals Group unconditional following acceptances from holders of 84.5 per cent of ERG's equity.

Mr Derek Lewis, who tomorrow moves up from being Granada's finance director to become the group managing director, said the process of merging the two rental and retail operations would now get under way.

The deal is expected to pay for itself fairly quickly and make an early contribution to Granada profits, and will help accelerate the growth in Granada's earnings per share, he added.

Granada has 620 shops and ERG 450 shops throughout Britain, and a cutback in the number of outlets is a probability. But the exact numbers and locations which would be integrated will only be decided after a shop-by-shop and a city-by-city study.

The combined operations of Granada and ERG give the group an estimated 35 per cent slice of Britain's total rental/retail television-video market, putting it a firm second to market leader Thorn which has 40 per cent.

By 3pm yesterday, Granada was owner or had received acceptances for its offer in respect of 248.7 million ERG shares, equivalent to 84.5 per cent. Granada shares rose by 3p to 304p yesterday.

Granada recently announced figures for the year ended September showing a turnover which passed the £1 billion mark for the first time, and a 20 per cent jump in pretax profits to £111.1 million.

Birmid urges investors to reject bid

Birmid Qualcast, the boiler to lawnmower group facing a hostile 300p cash bid from Blue Circle, says in its defence document that the bid is "wholly inadequate, even in current market conditions" and urges shareholders to reject the approach.

The board argues the quality and foundation of profits have much improved in recent years and that the benefits of recent achievements are now beginning to come through to shareholders.

The group is finalizing results for the year ended October 31, to be published shortly, and adds that the balance sheet is strong and that there are adequate financial resources available to Birmid.

Birmid's share price yesterday rose 5p to 310p.

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CBI plea on holding taxes

By Rodney Hobson

A plea to the Government to stop raising financial burdens on industry so that more can be spent on research is made today in a New Year message from Sir David Nickson, the president of the Confederation of British Industry (CBI).

Well above half the increase in profits earned by business in recent years has gone to the Government, he tells his members.

Sir David says that investment is needed to ensure that British companies are fully competitive as Europe heads towards becoming a single market.

He adds: "The prime responsibility lies with business itself. But the Government also has a key role to play in keeping the national overhead burden down.

"Some 60 per cent of the real increase in the surplus earned by business over the past four years has been pre-empted by higher payments of corporation tax, rates and National Insurance contributions."

Sir David continues: "Business needs to invest more in plant, technology and particularly in training, since skill shortages are serious and worsening. But the costs for business will be high — perhaps £3 billion a year or more.

"Against this background lower taxes on business, competitive interest and exchange rates and avoidance of unnecessary increases in electricity prices, business rates and other costs must become a priority."

Looking to Europe, Sir David says: "The European Commission will undoubtedly resolve further problems during the coming year. All UK businesses should now be planning for European-wide distribution, marketing and production to take advantage of this enlargement of their home market."

US Treasury to underwrite £10 billion write-offs

Welcome for Mexico debt plan

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

Bankers yesterday welcomed the new Mexican debt agreement under which up to $20 billion (£10.77 billion) of outstanding debt could be retired, backed by a guarantee from the US Treasury. Their reaction is crucial because the scheme cannot succeed without their support.

They have not yet been shown details of the plan which was hammered out privately between Mexico and the US with Morgan Guaranty, the US bank, acting as agent. "We were not consulted about the deal, but our gut reaction is that it is a good scheme," said a spokesman for Midland Bank. Bankers expect to be given the details in the next couple of weeks.

The agreement is for the US Treasury to issue $10 billion in zero-rated 20-year bonds for which Mexico will pay $2 billion immediately. The bonds will be used to secure the capital element of 20-year bonds issued by Mexico which will be exchanged with the country's bank creditors for outstanding debt.

Mexico is offering to buy the debt at a discount, reflecting its standing in the secondary debt market. Since Mexican debt is currently trading at around half of its face value in the secondary market, up to $20 billion of the country's $105 billion outstanding debt could theoretically be bought back and retired for an outlay of $10 billion.

Banks will be asked to put in individual bids and those willing to accept the largest discount will be accepted. It is the first time the US government has intervened in a Latin American debt agreement to encourage banks to write-off part of the their loans.

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"This is a helpful push along the road to solving the debt problem, but it is too soon to call it a major initiative," said one cautious London banker. "Particular deals often reflect what happens to suit borrowers and lenders at a given time and often have no wider significance. But it should be a useful addition to the menu of options available in dealing with debtor countries."

Most bankers, however, regard the involvement of the US government as an important new development in the debt initiative. It appears to revive the so-called Baker Plan, put forward by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary, more than two years ago, which envisaged greater co-operation between governments, banks and multilateral agencies.

It is generally agreed that the scheme may have most appeal to small regional US banks which want to free themselves of any further involvement in the debt problem. "They may be willing to offer very high discounts just to get the debt off their books at last. A guarantee from their own government will look very tempting to them," said one banker.

● The Brazilian government, has formally suspended a ten-month moratorium on its $113 billion (£61.08 billion) foreign debt (writes Mac Margolis in Rio de Janeiro). The Bank for International Settlements, in Switzerland, was due to transfer yesterday $357 million in Brazilian deposits to a special account at Citicorp in New York.

A group of 114 banks also deposited about $700 million into the Citicorp account as part of a package to refinance Brazil's 1986 interest payments. The funds represent Brazil's first instalment on $4.5 billion of debt arrears accumulated since February 28, When president José Sarney announced a decision to halt interest payments to Brazil's 700 creditor banks.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 1947.12 (+20.23)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Average ..... Closed
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2291.98 (–9.29)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 208.7 (+1.4)
Sydney: AO ..... 1299.2 (–4.7)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1299.7 (+14.0)
Brussels:
General ..... 3653.5 (+34.9)
Paris: CAC ..... 280.4 (+0.5)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 416.4 (+3.3)
London:
FT–A All-Share ... 981.12 (+17.41)
FT–"500" ..... 890.92 (+15.3)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 305.3 (–3.8)
FT. Fixed interest ..... 95.08 (+0.01)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 88.69 (–0.13)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Pearl ..... 461p (+38p)
Securiguard ..... 195p (+32p)
Parkfield ..... 320p (+21p)
Tip Top Drug ..... 138p (+40p)
Parrish ..... 325p (+25p)
Henderson Admin. ..... 675p (+30p)
Sun Life ..... 945p (+35p)
Rover ..... 76½p (+13p)
WPP ..... 412½p (+30p)
Pearson ..... 697½p (+18p)
Tate & Lyle ..... 813½p (+19p)
Amersham ..... 451½p (+19p)
Reed Intnl. ..... 396½p (+15p)
Telephone Rentals ..... 223p (+15p)
J Laing ..... 275p (+16p)
Close Bros. ..... 195p (+17p)
Guinness ..... 292½p (+10p)

FALLS:
Blockleys ..... 325p (–25p)
FAI ..... 225p (–13p)
Victor Products ..... 180p (–10p)
Closing prices

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 8½%
3-month interbank $8^{5}/_{16}$–$8^{13}/_{16}$%
3-month eligible bills: $8^{7}/_{32}$–$8^{11}/_{32}$%
buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⅝%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.84-5.82%*
30-year bonds $99^{16}/_{32}$–$99^{3}/_{32}$*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.8600	£: $1.8590*
£: DM2.9648	$: DM1.5940*
£: SwFr2.3994	$: SwFr1.2880*
£: FFr10.0440	$: FFr5.3975*
£: Yen229.34	$: Yen123.35*
£: Index:75.6	$: Index:91.8
ECU £0.695808	SDR £n/a

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $486.90 pm-$484.10
Close $484.25-484.75 (£260.50-261.00)
New York:
Comex $483.80-484.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan.) .... pm $17.80 ($17.95)
* Denotes latest trading price

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

No MMC referral for Bowater purchase

The $226 million (£122 million) purchase of Rexham Corporation by Bowater Industries, the packaging to builders' merchanting group, will not be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Lord Young, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, has decided to follow the recommendation against a referral of Mr Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading.

Rexham is based in Charlotte, North Carolina. Its products include packaging materials, labels, cartons and coated films. It also has an aerospace and defence business which Bowater has already put up for sale.

Office blocks sold for £8m

Great Portland Estates, the property investment group, announced yesterday that it had purchased three office buildings for £8 million cash. The buildings, bought from institutional clients of George Trollope, the estate agents and surveyors, are in Chelsea, London; Edinburgh and Haywards Heath, Sussex. They produce an annual income of £585,000.

Stake lifted in Japan trust

A group of American investors which has built up a large stake in Crescent Japan, the investment trust managed by Edinburgh Fund Managers, has increased its holding. It has raised its stake from 15.9 per cent of the trust to 17.56 per cent. The holding is one of several built up in Japanese investment trusts over the past few months.

General Accident buy

General Accident's appetite for estate agents has led to another acquisition. It is buying Hall Wateridge & Owen, a firm of estate agents with 10 offices in the Shrewsbury area. The purchase brings the number of estate agency outlets owned by General Accident to 431.

The purchase price has not been revealed. However, part of the consideration is being funded via the issue of 338,563 shares in General Accident, worth approximately £2.7 million, to the vendors. Hall Wateridge is a partnership and has net assets of about £535,000.

Steel group in the red

North British Steel Group (Holdings), the steel foundry and engineering company, has slipped into the red, announcing losses before tax of £937,000 in the year to October 3 1987, compared with £104,000 profits the previous year. The downturn was partly caused by quality problems in the company's Armadale sand cleaning equipment business.

Delisting for HK company

The main shareholders in Impala Pacific, the Hong Kong investment company, have accepted the principle of delisting the company, Mr Tim Gallie, Impala's sole independent director and acting chairman, said. Mr Gallie said that quoted investments held by Impala had suffered heavy losses in the stock market crash in October.

WALL STREET

Dow rises by 25 points in early dealings

New York (Reuter) — The Dow Jones industrial average rose by 25 points to 1,951.89 in early trading yesterday. Rising issues outnumbered decliners by seven to three.

Technology stocks were the leaders of the advance, with Teledyne up 4¼ at 308, Digital Equipment up 1⅞ at 136 and IBM ahead by 1¼ at 117.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 16.08 points lower at 1,926.89.

● Manufacturers Hanover said that it will reap a gain of about $35.7 million in its fourth quarter as a result of the sale of 500,000 common shares in its unit Banco Manufacturers Hanover Portugal.

The shares, listed on the Lisbon stock exchange, were sold at public auction for $43.4 million and represent about a 20 per cent ownership in the unit. The company said the gain of $35.7 million would come out to $23.5 million after tax.

	Dec 29	Dec 28		Dec 29	Dec 28		Dec 29	Dec 28
AMR Cp	35½	36	Firestone	31⅞	30⅝	Pepsico	32¾	32⅝
ASA	50⅜	51½	Fst Chicago	18⅝	18⅝	Pfizer	48½	47¾
Astra Lile	44⅜	44½	Fst Int Bncp	38⅛	38½	Phelps Dod	45¾	44⅜
Allied Signal	28⅛	28⅜	Fst Penn C	8½	8½	Philip Mor	87	87½
Allis Chim	1½	1⅛	FT Wachvia	33⅜	34¼	Philip Pet	13⅛	12⅝
Alcoa	47¾	48¼	Ford Motor	76⅝	77	Polaroid	24	24¼
Amax Inc	20	19⅝	GAF Cp	44½	45	Primerica	24¼	24¾
AMR Hess	25⅝	26	GTE Cp	34⅝	34½	Proct Gble	84½	85¾
Am Brands	42	42⅜	Gen Cp	21	21⅛	Pub S E Gr	23⅜	23⅜
Am Cynmd	40¾	41⅝	Gn Dynam	48¼	48½	Raytheon	68⅝	68⅝
Am Ele Pwr	25¾	25⅝	Gen Electric	44¾	44¾	Rykids Mell	47⅞	47⅛
Amaxa	22¾	23	Gen Inst	31	31	Rockwell Int	18⅜	18⅝
Am Family	14	14⅛	Gen Mills	48⅝	48⅞	Royal Dutch	110⅝	111⅛
Am Home	70½	69⅜	Gen Motors	61¾	62	SFE Sopac	46⅝	47⅛
Am Int Grp	59⅝	60⅜	Gen Pub Ut	27¼	27¼	Sara Lee	34½	35
Am Stand	37	37½	Genesco	3¼	3½	Schlumb	29⅝	29⅝
Am Telph	26⅝	26⅛	Georgia Pac	34⅝	35⅝	Scott Pap	66⅜	68½
Amoco Cp	58⅜	57¾	Gillette	29⅝	29¾	Seagram	54¾	56⅛
Armco Steel	11⅛	11⅛	Goodrich	40¾	42	Sears Roeb	33½	33⅝
Asarco Inc	22⅜	22⅜	Goodyear	60¼	60¾	Shell Trans	76⅝	77¼
Ashland Oil	58¼	58	Grace Inst	10¼	10½	Singer	46¾	45⅝
Atl Richfld	69	69¾	Grace Co	23⅜	23⅝	Smith Beck	49¼	48½
Avon Prod	25	25⅛	Grt Atl Pac	36	36	Sony Cp	37⅞	37¾
Bk Boston	21¾	22	Greyhnd	25⅜	25⅞	Sth Cal Edi	30¾	30⅜
Bank NY	26¼	26⅜	Gruman	17¾	18⅛	SW Bell	33½	33¾
Bankamer	6⅝	6⅝	Gulf & West	72	72⅜	Squibb	59⅝	60¼
Blors Tst NY	30½	29	Heinz	40¼	40⅜	Sterl Drug	54¾	54¾
Baxter	22	21⅞	Hercules	45¾	45⅝	Stevens JP	28⅛	27⅞
Beth Steel	17⅝	17⅜	Hewlett Pk	57⅞	58⅝	Sun Comp	51⅜	52⅝
Boeing	37⅞	38⅜	Honeywell	55⅛	55⅝	TRW Inc	47⅞	48⅝
Boise Casc	69¼	69⅝	IC Ind	32⅜	31⅞	Teledyne	303⅛	305⅛
Borden	49¾	49⅝	ITT Cp	44¾	44¾	Tenneco	39⅞	40
Bristl Meyr	42	42⅛	INCO	21½	22	Texaco	37¼	37¼
BP	55⅝	56	Ing Rand Wi	33½	34	Tex Eastn	21	21¼
Brunswick	14⅜	14⅜	Inland Steel	29⅝	29⅝	Texas Inst	55¾	54¾
Burl Nth	63¾	64	IBM	118	115⅝	Tex Util	27	27⅜
CBS	158⅜	159⅛	Int Paper	41⅛	42½	Textron	21¼	21¼
CMS Engy	13⅜	13¾	Int Pwr Bk	43¼	42¾	Travelers	34⅜	34⅝
CPC Int	40¼	40⅜	Jhsn & Jhsn	76⅝	76⅝	USG	29⅝	29⅝
CSX Cp	29¼	29⅝	K Mart	29¾	30¼	USX Cp	30⅝	31
Camp Soup	26⅝	26⅝	Kaisertech	11½	11⅛	Unilever Plc	36⅜	37
Can Pacific	15⅝	15⅜	Kerr McGee	35½	35⅞	Un Carbide	21¼	21¾
Caterpillar	60¾	60¾	Kimbrly Clrk	49¾	49	Un Pac Cp	53¾	54¾
Centrl SW	29¾	29⅝	Kraft	46⅝	47¾	Unisys Cp	33¼	33
Champion	34¼	34½	Kroger	24¾	24¾	Utd Brands	44½	45⅜
Chase Man	21¾	20⅝	LTV Cp	2⅝	2½	Utd Tech	32¾	33
Chem NY	22¾	22¾	Litton	71¾	72¾	Unocal	29	29¼
Chevron	39	38⅝	Lockheed	35⅞	35⅞	Walter Jim	59⅝	59⅝
Chrysler	22	22⅜	Lucky Str	25⅝	26½	Warn Lamb	67¼	68
Citicorp	18¾	17⅞	Man H'wer	23⅜	23⅛	Wells Far	42¾	42¾
Clark Eq	24½	24⅝	Manvlle	2¼	2⅜	Westg El	49⅝	50
Coca Cola	37⅝	38⅝	Mapco	46¾	47¾	Weyerhsr	38⅜	38½
Colgate	37⅜	38¼	Marriott	25⅜	25½	Whirlpool	23¾	24
Columb Gas	39¼	39⅝	Mt Marrieta	40	40⅜	Woolworth	33	34½
Cmb'tn Eng	29½	29¼	Masco	22¼	22¾	Xerox Cp	57¾	57½
Cmwlth Edi	27½	27⅝	Mcdonalds	42¾	43⅜	Zenith	14⅝	14¾
Cons Edis	41¾	41¾	McDonnell	58⅝	59			
Consol Ng	35⅝	35¾	Mead Cp	33	33¾			
Cont Data	21½	21⅛	Merck	155¾	156¼			
Corning Gl	48¾	47⅞	Minsta Mng	82½	82½			
Crane	21¾	22	Mobil	38¾	38⅝			
Curtiss Wrt	48	47¾	Monsanto	82	81½			
Data Genl	24	24¾	Morgan Jp	35¼	33			
Deere Co	34½	35	Motorola	49¾	48¾			
Delta Air	37¾	37½	NCR	63¼	63⅞			
Detroit Ed	13½	13⅝	NL Indstrs	5¼	5¼			
Digital Eq	134⅜	133⅜	Nat Distill	71¾	71¼			
Disney	59¾	60½	Nat Md Ent	18¾	18¾			
Dow Chem	88⅝	88¾	Nat Semi	11½	11⅝			
Dressr Ind	26⅝	26⅞	Norfolk Sth	25⅞	26			
Dupont	86⅛	86⅜	NW Bancrp	37⅛	38⅛			
Duke Pwr	43	42⅞	Occid Petl	24	24			
East Kodak	48⅛	48⅜	Ogden Cp	26⅜	26¾			
Eaton Cp	77⅜	77⅜	Olin Cp	41⅞	41⅞			
Emerson El	33⅜	33	PPG Ind	33⅞	33⅞			
Emery Air	5¾	5¼	Pac Gas El	16⅛	16¼			
Exxon	36⅛	36⅝	Pan Am	2⅝	3			
Farah Inc	7¼	7¼	Penney JC	44¾	44			
Fedders	5⅜	5⅝	Pennzoil	70¾	73⅝			

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	22¼	23
Alcan Alum	35	35½
Algoma Stl	14⅝	15½
Can Pacific	20⅛	20⅜
Cominco	15¾	15¾
Con Bathrst	17⅜	18
Hawk S Can	20¾	20¾
Hud Bay M	19¾	19¾
Imasco	25¾	25¾
Imperial Oil	55¾	54¾
Int Pipe	43¾	43¾
Royl Trstco	13¾	13⅝
Seagram	71½	73¾
Shelco 'A'	34¾	34¾
Thman N 'A'	26¾	27¼
Varity Cp	3.05	3.10
WCI	16¾	15⅝
Weston	32a	32½

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Ald Restaurants	60 +2
Brit Pet P/P	70½ +½
Butte Mining (100p)	115 –5
Eurotunnel	233 –2
Eurotunel Wrnts	14
Fairway London	75
Gaelic Res	5½
Hard Rock Cafe	105 –10
Do 'A'	80 +2
Hatfield Est (100p)	111 +1
How Group	71
ISA Intl (80p)	96
Intl Colour	98
Lloyd Thomp (170p)	145 –2
Mayne Nickless	170 –5
Nastor-BNA (75p)	78
Paragon Comms	88 –1
Power Corp	78 –2
Record (88p)	56
Rural Plan	93
Sec Archives	185 +5
Shaftsbury (180p)	118
Shorco	106 –1
Sykes-Pickavant	118 +1
Tomorrows Leisure	31
Tubular Exhib	19
URS Intl	41
USDC Inv	107 +2
Wishaw Secs	28 +2

RIGHTS ISSUES

Biotoxtates N/P	2
Biomechanics N/P	12 +1
ERA Gp N/P	38 +3
Gr West 6% N/P	
Michael J N/P	
Maxiprint N/P	7 –1
North Sea N/P	1¾

(Issue price in brackets).

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
December 14	December 31	March 17	March 28

Call options were taken out on: 29/12/87 Singer & Friedlander, Polly Peck, Lonrho, Owners Abroad, Bulmer HP, Bryant Hldgs., Control Secs., Lysander, Audio Fidelity, J Webb, British Benzol, Harris Queensway, Pilkinc.on, BOMS, Elco Group, Sears.

STOCK MARKET

Firmer dollar and Wall St help shares to fight back

By Michael Clark

A steadier dollar and an encouraging overnight performance on Wall Street enabled the London stock market to claw back virtually half of Tuesday's sharp falls yesterday.

Prices raced ahead from the start as traders took the view that this week's losses had been overdone. But conditions remained thin with turnover at a low ebb as only 301 million shares were traded. Many brokers and investors continued to take advantage of the Christmas break. Those that made the effort to return to work claim that conditions are unlikely to get back to normal until early next week.

The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best levels of the day with a rise of 29.5 points at 1,759.8, cheered after hours by an opening, 25-point rise in the Dow Jones industrial average following resumed trading in New York. The narrower FT index of 30 shares finished at its best level of the day, 25.7 points better at 1,408.0.

Leading shares enjoyed double-figure gains with ICI up 12p at £11.24, Allied-Lyons, 10p to 355p, Bass, 14p to 824p and Reed International, 15p to 399p.

Grand Metropolitan closed 12p better at 462p after announcing plans to bid for the rest of Martell.

Government securities ran into profit-taking, ending the day with losses stretching to almost £⅛ at the longer end in quiet trading.

The oil sector remained a focus of attention with the Kuwait Investment Office continuing to add to its holding of BP new shares. It has picked up an extra 30 million shares, taking its total holding to 1.07 billion new shares, or 18.03 per cent of BP. The price of the partly-paid firmed 1.5p to 71.5p as 77 million shares were traded. The ordinary shares rallied by 8p to 257p as almost 9 million shares changed hands. The market now expects the KIO to carry on buying BP until it reaches 29.9 per cent.

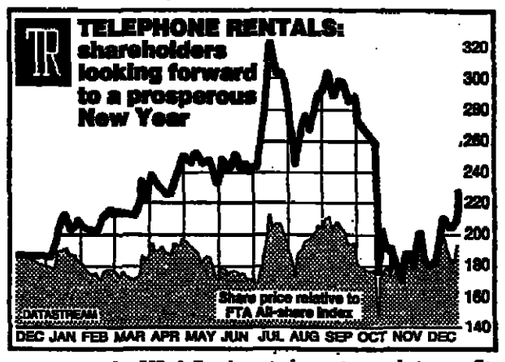
The tug-of-war between BP and Atlantic Richfield for control of Britoil grew more intense as Arco lifted its holding in the company to 21 per cent. Britoil responded with a rise of 3p to 447p.

It looks as though Securiguard, the security and industrial cleaing group, may be about to hit the acquisition trail again. The shares leapt 32p to 195p in late trading, leading to suggestions that another deal is imminent.

Beecham stood out with a rise of 11p to 454p, helped by a "buy" circular from Robert Fleming, the broker. Mr Jonathan de Pass, a pharmaceuticals analyst at Fleming, reckons that Beecham looks attractive in the uncertain economic climate. He says: "Beecham is recession-proof and should outperform in a market going nowhere."

The group has cleaned up its working portfolio by getting rid of a number of peripheral businesses. Mr de Pass says that Beecham is now virtually recession-proof. He adds: "Its exposure to the US dollar is less than some people fear. Last year, it earned 26 per cent of its profits from the US, but it does very little exporting."

Mr de Pass has downgraded his estimate of pretax profits for the current year from £412 million — before the collapse in the dollar started — to £406 million. That compares with the £350.4 million achieved last time. Fleming is confident that Beecham can achieve growth of around 15 per cent per annum during the next couple of years and is forecasting a figure of £472 million for 1989.



Some dealers are hoping that BP will be successful in overcoming the hurdle of the Government's golden share in its battle to win control of Britoil. They claim that it could open the way to bids for other privatization stocks enjoying similar protection. Amersham International appears to be heading the list of stocks to watch in 1988, putting in a late run to close 19p higher at 452p.

But the rapid decline in the dollar means that analysts have to continually adjust their estimates for companies like Beecham on an almost daily basis.

The market's steadier performance yesterday enabled Mr Brian Newman and the rest of the electrical team at Chase Manhattan Securities, the broker, to announce their naps in the sector for 1988.

Heading the list is Telephone Rentals, the telecommunications equipment group, which is a perennial takeover target. Mr Newman describes Telephone Rentals as one of the best bid situations in the market and would not be surprised if one materialized in 1988. On the trading front, prospects also look promising.

Mr Newman says: "Even if a recession hits the office equipment market, profits look set to improve. Much of its business is made up of long-term rental contracts. The shares are cheap on trading grounds."

He is looking for pretax profits to rise from £17.2 million to £20 million for the year just ending and has already pencilled in £24 million for 1988. Telephone Rentals responded warmly to the accolade, finishing the day 21p dearer at 227p.

Chase is tipping Northern Engineering Industries as its income stock for 1988 and expects it to do well from the various government power-station building contracts being undertaken during the next few years.

Mr Newman adds: "The shares yield over 7 per cent and should benefit from contracts for both nuclear and coal fire power station work." The NEI share price firmed by 1p to 99p.

Chase is also keen on Plessey and expects the merger of its telecom business with that of GEC to provide rich rewards. Mr Newman says: "A class one circular is out in January, published jointly by both companies. They will be selling the benefits of the merger."

He has even worked out a break-up value for Plessey, which he estimates at 230p a share. But it is not all smooth running ahead for Plessey. It has had problems on the trading front. These should be reflected in profits which are likely to slide from £184 million to £170 million in the current year to March. Chase is looking for a much better performance next year with the group turning in pretax profits of at least £200 million. Plessey firmed 3p to 148p.

The high street retailers have made a bumper start to the year-end sales with the stores bursting at the seams with shoppers hell-bent on taking part in a massive spending spree. But this has, so far, failed to be reflected in the shares of the leading stores groups. There were a few bright spots yesterday as prices recovered some of Tuesday's lost ground with Storehouse up 12p at 259p, WH Smith "A," 4p to 213p and Ward White, 6p to 309p.

Dixons, Britain's leading electrical retailer, made a firm start but failed to hold on to best levels and closed just 3p better at 213p. The shares have been the subject of several big downgradings in recent months, reflecting the dramatic downturn in the growth in the electrical goods sector in the run-up to Christmas. Dealers fear that further reductions in their estimates may be necessary. The group is due to unveil interim figures later next month.

One of the few bright spots was Tip Top Drug Stores, which soared 38p to 135p after admitting that it has been having "tentative" bid talks. But the company says that it is too early to say whether an offer will be made for the shares. At these levels, the entire group is valued at almost £16 million.

But the news was enough to lift rival Lloyds Chemist by 13p to 150p.

The banks were all buoyed by news of Mexico's new agreement on debt by which it will "retire" $20 billion of its $105 billion foreign debt with US government backing.

Gains of 11p were seen in Barclays Bank, on 465p and Lloyds Bank, on 250p, while Midland Bank firmed 12p to 395p. But National Westminster Bank lost an early lead to close all-square at 588p.

The food manufacturers were chased sharply higher. Investors have been comforted by the fact that they will emerge unscathed from a recession. Booker stood out with a rise of 14p to 393p, while Cadbury Schweppes, where General Cinema holds an 18.2 per cent stake, advanced 4p to 235p. There were also gains for Dalgety, 8p to 321p, Fitch Lovell, 5p to 276p, Meat Traders, 30p to 203p, Northern Foods, 5p to 275p, Ranks Hovis McDougall, 8p to 332p, Rowntree Mackintosh, 7p to 447p, Tate & Lyle, 19p to 814p and United Biscuits, 5p to 265p.

Owners Abroad, the travel group, extended its recent speculative run with a rise of 7p to 90p. Eagle Trust has confirmed that it has increased its holding in the company with the purchase of an extra 5.8 million shares. This takes its total holding in Owners Abroad to 8.6 million shares, or 14.97 per cent. Hopes are high that a full bid will eventually follow.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey	819	Coats	489	Land Sec	245	Rowntree	530
Ald-Lyons	737	CU	861	Laporte	19	Royal Bank	778
Amstrad	1,319	Cons Gold	256	L&G	680	Royal Ins	823
ASDA	2,786	Cookson	56	Lloyds	3,159	Sainchi	549
AB Foods	180	Courtaulds	397	Lonrho	923	Sainsbury	1,979
Argyll	346	Dalgety	252	Lucas	276	Scot & N	142
BAA	857	Dee	2,684	Magnet	506	Sears	901
BET	644	Dixons	1,608	M&S	1,944	Sedgwick	1,105
BTR	796	ECC	318	Maxwell Cm	288	Shell	1,398
BAT	742	Emarprise	277	MEPC	219	Smith & N	1,400
Barclays	1,271	Ferranti	5,859	Metal Box	463	STC	834
Bass	546	Fisons	744	Midland	1,680	Stan Chart	96
Beecham	707	Gen Acc	125	NatWest	854	Storehse	1,955
Beazer	17	GEC	1,396	Next	182	Sun Allince	44
BICC	570	Glaxo	188	Nth Food	379	T & N	453
Blue Arrow	2,241	Globe	62	P&O	911	Tarmac	321
Blue Circle	731	Granada	884	Pearl	1,261	Tate & Lyle	636
BOC	1,131	Grand Met	2,030	Pearson	331	TSB	1,548
Boots	605	GUS 'A'	123	Pilkington	616	Tesco	1,939
BPB	772	GRE	26	Plessey	1,180	Thorn EMI	168
Br Aero	498	GKN	609	Prudential	94	Trafalgar	398
Br Airways	971	Guinness	3,215	Racal	1,081	THF	989
Br Comn	632	Hamm 'A'	38	Rk Hovis	473	Ultramar	517
Br Gas	2,647	Hanson	6,738	Rank	106	Unigate	66
Br Petrol	7,981	Hawker	334	R&C	166	Unilever	1,006
Br Telecm	1,844	Hawley	987	Redland	114	United Bis	199
Britoil	1,790	Hillsdown	803	Reed	1,395	Utd News	62
Bunzl	255	IMI	1,716	Reuters	248	Wellcome	297
Burmah	235	ICI	794	RMC Gp	255	Whitbrd	1,283
Burton	1,203	Jaguar	1,217	RTZ	1,775	Willis Fr	690
C&W	2,912	Lasmo	285	R-Royce	2,504	Woolworth	178
Cadbury	1,400	Ladbroke	1,533	Rothmn 'B'	506	Equities page 25	

TEMPUS

Birmid set to sandbag bid

Cash must be very tempting to any investor in present market conditions, which is probably why Blue Circle structured its bid for Birmid Qualcast in pound coins rather than bags of cement.

But if Blue Circle shares might have had a problem in going down with Birmid shareholders, so too will this 300p cash offer which is not tempting enough if Birmid Qualcast really is about to break out of its earnings mould.

For the moment, Birmid shareholders can safely sit tight and await developments.

If Blue Circle really is determined to have Birmid Qualcast, it will come back with a higher offer — any offers £3.50? And if Birmid, with its range of brand product names, is seen to be "in play", then it could equally attract other bidders.

Today's defence document argues that the group is poised to benefit from the stronger and more secure financial foundations which have been built in recent years, and that it would therefore be foolish to throw those benefits away for a mere 300p a share. It is hard to disagree.

The document also hints that there is a strong balance sheet, a positive cash flow, low gearing, and that there is financial strength within Birmid to support not only all the capital investment it needs but suitable acquisitions as well.

The hard evidence of where Birmid is going has yet to be published, though shareholders can expect to have tangible evidence in their hands within the next three weeks.

Meanwhile, while figures for the year ended November 1 are being finalized, the market is doing its own sums which suggest that Birmid is poised for quite a strong year-end finish.

With the guidance of earlier published interim results to hand, which showed half-time profits had risen by 49 per cent to £9.1 million, the market is pencilling in a conservative £21 million pretax for the year recently ended, compared with £13.1 million seen for the 1986 financial year.

Blue Circle's 300p bid thus puts Birmid on a prospective rating of 13.6 times.

What Birmid has to demonstrate if it is to maintain its independence is that if profits did happen to turn out at above the £21 million mark, 1987 was not just a flash in the pan.

For a group which has shed its loss-makers, made some reasonable acquisitions and transformed its business from the position 10 years ago, that should not be too hard to prove.

In 1977, foundries were the dominant contributors to the profits table. Ten years on, consumer products had taken the lead bringing in 86 per cent of operating profits.

Dixons doubts

The January "sale" signs are not only going up in the stores. They are also being hoisted over the sector, with Dixons specially soft on thoughts of a poorer than expected Christmas season and the impact that is going to have on second-half results.

Dixons' interim report, covering the period ended November 8, is due on January 13 and will undoubtedly show a profits advance — possibly to the £50 million mark, compared with £38 million. But it will be remarks about what Christmas was really like in the high street which is of current concern to investors.

Full year-end profit forecasts may well have been too ambitious to start with, but they have been steadily downgraded from earlier thoughts of £150 million (compared with £102.6 million achieved for the 1986 financial year) to £120 million — and even at that level there are some reservations.

It is no secret that Christmas sales targets were missed, and because of the intense competition in the electrical goods market — the price of videos, for example, has eased from £300 to £200 within a year — stock levels could be higher than comfort demands.

The race to move stock in an already competitive market place is thus going to be intense.

Dixons will have some help from a first-time contribution by its Silo electrical retail stores acquisition in the United States, but US operations will also have been bruised by softer consumer demand, which will additionally weigh on investors' minds.

Meanwhile, the shares are down from around 400p in October to 211p, where they trade on 11.2 times earnings. January sale opportunities do not last, and the share price will remain sensitive until the interim report is out of the way.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Allied Lyons (*350)	55	65	70	3	11	18
	30	38	45	20	27	30
	15	23	28	35	45	45
Bass (*820)	80	115	140	10	25	40
	45	85	113	27	55	70
	25	63	90	58	80	92
Brit Air. (*154)	20	28	32	7	12	20
	9	17	25	16	20	30
	3	10	17	30	37	43
Brit Coal (*316)	80	47	60	70	3	17
	30	45	60	10	28	40
	10	30	45	30	42	50
Brit Gas (*127)	20	13	17	22	5	9
	5	11	16	9	14	18
	—	7½	12	—	2½	24
BP (*257)	20	40	50	26	3	9
	40	26	35	47	5	18
	14	25	35	69	15	28
British (*438)	60	85	95	105	7	20
	30	63	75	87	12	27
	20	37	47	92	22	37
Cons Gold (*950)	90	90	140	190	40	100
	60	80	110	160	60	140
	35	65	85	120	100	145
Courtauld (*343)	100	37	47	72	21	33
	60	24	43	92	10	33
	30	11	30	38	27	42
	20	8	20	28	50	62
Cons Unlon (*342)	30	25	42	52	10	32
	10	15	25	40	23	47
	5	7	17	30	50	67
C & W (*338)	60	52	70	80	5	9
	30	43	60	65	6	15
	30	23	40	47	15	27
	20	8	25	32	30	45
GEC (*185)	40	27	32	38	1½	4
	20	10	20	27	5	12
	10	4	11	18	20	31
GKN (*290)	80	24	35	48	11	20
	30	14	31	39	20	41
	20	6	20	31	45	61
Grand Met (*488)	30	12	25	42	70	92
	20	7	15	31	70	77
	10	3	10	22	40	52
ICI (*1123)	60	53	65	65	6	20
	30	32	125	157	15	60
	20	20	80	142	33	85
	10	12	37	47	35	60
Jaguar (*380)	30	18	28	34	38	3
	10	12	22	28	9	16
	5	5	14	18	22	28
Land Sec (*486)	20	28	33	38	2	6
	10	20	25	31	3½	10
	5	13	20	27	6	16
	2	7	15	21	11	22
Lasmo (*219)	20	24	30	42	5	11
	10	13	20	32	12	23
	4	5	13	23	35	41
Shell (*1040)	100	80	115	137	25	65
	50	45	85	117	42	90
	100	27	68	96	70	122
Storehse (*260)	20	45	55	65	2	7
	10	26	40	53	7	15
	5	14	30	40	15	27
	2	8	22	32	28	40
Trafalgar (*318)	20	45	58	62	3	12
	10	26	38	50	9	18
	5	12	27	38	22	32
THF (*113)	10	7	20	24	2	5
	5	4	14	18	5	9
	2	2	10	13	10	16
Woolworth (*268)	30	14	25	40	35	45
	20	7	18	30	57	67
	10	3	12	22	80	92
	5	2	8	17	105	120

	Calls			Puts		
Series	Mar	Jun	Sep	Mar	Jun	Sep
Glaxo (*1009)	130	165	205	50	75	92
	102	138	180	70	97	115
	80	117	157	100	125	140
	67	—	—	130	155	—
Hanson (*132)	26	31	—	3½	5½	—
	19	25	29	5½	9	11
	13	19	23	10	13	16
	8	14	18	15	19	21
Hawker (*461)	82	82	83	20	37	47
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THF (*223)	30	42	48	14	18	23
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	8	14	1	48	52	—
Unilever (*480)	60	75	85	25	40

WORLD MARKETS REVIEW: NEW YORK

An October revolution and a little Christmas cheer

London was not alone in finding that a few days in October dominated the stock market year. Throughout the world share prices maintained a steady, even heady rise for nine months before the crash. Most markets have now begun to pick up the pieces, and are clear of the lows plumbed in late October and early November. Here *The Times* staff and correspondents tell how markets abroad moved in 1987.

From Our Correspondent

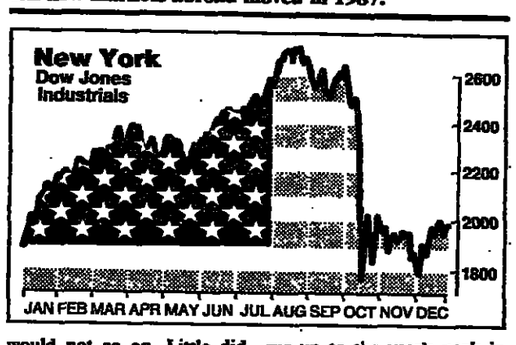
As Christmas approached, brokers were saying that Santa Claus had made a stop on Wall Street, as the shell-shocked Dow Jones industrial index made tentative climbs back up above the 2,000 mark.

Despite 1987 being probably the worst year in the New York Stock Exchange's history, with the Dow struggling to hold the 2,000 level the index is actually higher than it had been at the beginning of the year.

This has been a record-breaking year for the Dow — and not just because of the crash. It seemed that the bull market kept breaking records every week, and nobody seemed sure when it would stop.

In January, the Dow opened at 1,895.95. It crashed through the 2,000 level on January 8, and kept climbing. By February 5 it was running at another record high of 2,200, and it was nearly the end of March before it took a substantial drop, from almost 2,400 back to below 2,300.

That loss was attributed by most experts to a "correction" — but other analysts began to predict that the bull market would not go on. Little did they know that the Dow would reach 55 record highs before the crash.



April and May saw more tentative rises and several falls, the peak being 2,405.54 on April 6 — but the index dropped to almost 2,200 by the end of May before the long run-up to the year's peak in August.

All the while, speculators were continuing to cash in on the bull market, not giving too many thought to what was about to happen, although several arbitrageurs, including Sir James Goldsmith, would announce later that they had moved into cash long before Black Monday.

By the end of August the Dow had reached an unbelievable 2,709.50. It was then that a series of falls over the next three weeks brought it down to 2,500. Although it dropped 90 points in one day during that period it rose again, by 75.23 points on September 22, to 2,568.05 — showing sceptics that it could bounce back.

But on that fateful Monday, October 19, the Dow Jones, already damaged by a fall of more than 100 points and standing at 2,500, registered the end of the bull market.

An incredible 508 points later, and after several hours of overtime in back offices on "the street", dealers started to count the cost. It had been Wall Street's worst day — much worse than the crash of 1929 — but somehow it had survived.

Staggering back from the low of 1,793.93, the past two months have seen a slow and unsure recovery. And as most big Wall Street brokerage houses trim back their staffs, hopes are that 1988 might be a year when moderation is the order of the day.

TOKYO

Dizzying year for the odd man out

From David Watts

The combination of much liquidity and the full effects of internationalization of the Japanese market has meant a dizzying year on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

The fact that the market began and ended the year at about 21,000 is perhaps the strongest indicator that the Japanese stock market does not function quite like others in the West.

Tokyo seemed to be in an endless and limitless climb until about mid-year when, in anticipation of what was to happen across the world, the market began to fall from its peak of 25,929.43 in June. That decline had long been predicted, given outrageously high stock prices, although it had more to do with increasing Japanese interest in foreign issues after bargain dollar prices in the United States.

Stock values, viewed over the long term, have broadly risen as the value of the yen has increased — quite the reverse of the trend expected in more conventional economies. This parallel was most clearly seen in the early part of the year as the stock market rose steadily, spurred by the first tranche of shares in the newly-privatized Nippon Telephone & Telegraph Corporation.

From the initial price of 50,000 yen, it was soon valued at Y3 million to set off widespread interest in stocks as investment vehicles for millions of ordinary Japanese with more money than ever before to spend but relatively few places to put it.

But if Tokyo has remained relatively untouched by the October crash, the market has moved sluggishly. The decline which started in June had reversed to the extent that the market set a record high of 26,646 on October 14, barely six days before the crash. The next day Tokyo's market recorded its biggest one-day gain of Y2,037, confirming that cross-holdings and government "encouragement" of securities houses and institutional investors often has more to do with movements in the Japanese market than other factors.

By early December, the exchange was down only 15.2 per cent compared with 49 per cent in Hong Kong and 51 per cent in Singapore, but volumes have been cut in half. With continued uncertainty on the US budget deficit, there is no sign of their recovering any greater vigour at the moment.

SINGAPORE

Fortified exchange rode storm

From Catherine Ong

Nearly two years after Singapore's stock market suffered the worst crisis in its history, it staged a spectacular recovery only to be hit by the October crash, which forced prices down 40 per cent — but at least no-one defaulted this time.

Stockbroking firms weathered the crash remarkably well, the exchange having been fortified and reorganized after the collapse of Pan-Electric Industries in November 1985 which led to the unprecedented three-day closure of the market and drove five brokers into bankruptcy.

This year, strong overseas buying in the first six months, boosted by a spate of new public issues, sent the *Straits Times* industrial index to an all-time high of 1505.4 on August 26. The index has been plummeting since the October crash and is now hovering at about 830.

Blue chips such as Singapore Airlines, DBS Bank, Singapore Press Holdings and marine stocks, including Keppel Shipyard and Sembawang Shipyard, were widely sought after during the bull phase. In contrast, they are now good bargains with single-digit price earnings multiples.

Post-crash volume has dropped to between Sing$25 million (£6.9 million) and Sing$60 million a day, down from about Sing$110 million before August.

This year's total volume is estimated to surpass Sing$20 billion, breaking 1981's high of Sing$13.5 billion.

Analysts are forecasting a 4 to 5 per cent economic growth in 1988 subject to a possible revision at mid-year. For the coming months, sentiment is expected to remain subdued in the absence of bullish developments.

SYDNEY

An extraordinary time for the All-Ordinaries index

From Richard Battley

The Australian share market earned a distinction it did not want in 1987: it lost more, proportionately, than any other Western bourse.

The All-Ordinaries index, the key barometer, began the year at 1,473 points, and on September 18 it peaked at 2,305.

But the investment zeal which fuelled the five-year bull run could not withstand the catholic crash in October. The All-Ordinaries plunged 512 points, or 25 per cent, on October 20.

Thereafter, Australian investors excelled in despondency. Every downturn on Wall Street was faithfully mirrored — and often exceeded — by the country's six capital city exchanges. At the closing bell yesterday the All-Ordinaries was at 1,299 points, 1,006 below its 1987 zenith.

The year had begun encouragingly enough, with News Limited raising its bid for the Herald and Weekly Times group to Aus$2.3 billion (£258 million). This was then the world's biggest takeover of a newspaper group.

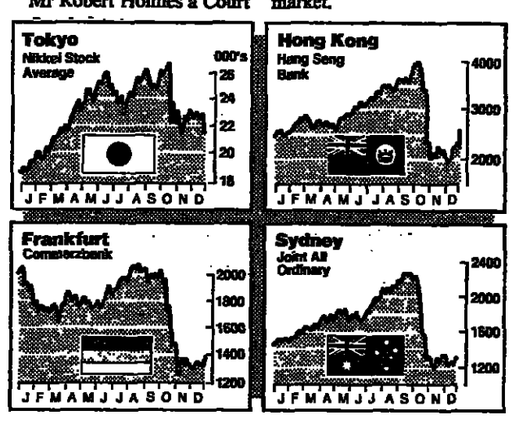
All Fools' Day heralded deregulation of the broking profession and the formation of the Australian Stock Exchange, replacing the six individual state exchanges.

Bond Media, comprising the Channel Nine Network Mr Alan Bond had bought from Mr Kerry Packer for Aus$1 billion, was floated.

Mr Robert Holmes à Court revealed in May that he had bought a substantial share parcel in Texaco, the troubled United States oil giant.

In August, Mr Holmes à Court's Bell Group posted its 16th consecutive profit rise, boosting annual profit by 46 per cent, to Aus$220 million.

But with share values at their lowest in October, most companies deserted the market.



HONG KONG

Investors on a roller-coaster

From Stephen Leather

The Hong Kong stock exchange was even more of a roller-coaster than usual in 1987, with shares almost topping 4,000 and then dropping to less than half that level.

The Hang Seng index opened the year at 2,568.3 and promptly dropped by 28.24 points on the first day of trading with turnover at HK$736 million. By Yesterday the index was down to 2,291.98, having dropped below 2,300 since Christmas.

In between there were violent fluctuations as bulls rushed in taking turnover above HK$4 billion for the first time on September 28.

On the first day of October it seemed as if the Hong Kong market could do no wrong as it hit a new high of 3,949.73 with a HK$3.7 billion turnover. The following day turnover hit an all-time record of HK$5.41 billion.

But just over two weeks later, on Black Monday, October 19, the Hang Seng index was hit by what was then its biggest-ever fall in one day, slumping 402.81 points to 3,362.39.

But the bloodiest day ever was October 26 with HK$200 billion wiped off shares. The Hang Seng index dived 1,120.7 to 2,241.69.

The market reached a low on December 7 when the index dropped to1,894.94, down 99.28 points.

FRANKFURT

Downhill nearly all the way

Frankfurt had two unfortunate distinctions in 1987: it started the year badly and ended it with share prices much lower.

Overhanging the market for the first three months was the controversial stock exchange turnover tax, which the federal government had promised to scrap.

But the revenue proved too great a lure. The tax raised DM750 million (£253.37 million) in 1986 and together with the levy on new share issues yielded DM1.2 billion.

Those who were sceptical when the government in January repeated its promise to scrap the tax, were vindicated. On March 15 it was announced that the tax would stay, thus driving stock market trade to Luxemburg and London.

By then the market had already fallen from around 2,050 points on the Commerzbank index to below 1,700 and the news sent it lower to 1,600.

It was not until August that the market recovered to its January levels, and the index peaked at 2,061.10 on August 17.

But news on the economic front was generally disappointing, and the index was already sliding when the crash came. From October 1 to mid-November it was downhill almost all the way, the index hitting its low point of 1,285.70 on November 10. It ends the year struggling to hold the 1,300 level.

COMMENT

White House policy on dollar in doubt

Yesterday's steadier dollar was enough to produce some recovery in share prices and the FT-SE index retraced about half its fall of the previous day, closing 29.5 higher at 1,759.8. When the market men return from holiday and take over from the boys who have been left in charge of the shop it will be easier to judge the significance of these wide swings. In the meantime, it is not difficult to rationalize the pressures of the last few days.

Present market psychology bears out the old adage that it is better to travel hopefully than to arrive. Since the statement issued by the Group of Seven nations just before Christmas, there has been nothing left on the horizon to which optimists among the market traders can look forward. The reduction in the US budget deficit agreed between President Reagan and Congress has now been fully discounted and was any way never a cause for much celebration. In Japan, domestic demand has revived strongly but no further expansionary measures are expected in the immediate future. In Germany, interest rates have fallen as far as they are expected to go. Dealers are left with nothing but a hangover and the prospect of January.

The US could still halt the slide in the dollar if it were determined to do so, but the suspicion persists that a weaker currency suits the Reagan Administration all too well. The Administration's main concern since the crash has been the threat of recession, or something so close to it that voters cannnot see the difference. Although exports have been buoyant, domestic demand has fallen away during the second half of the year with retail sales lower in September and October and only a small rise in November.

Yesterday's cyclical indicators — which tend to be given more weight in the US than the equivalent series in this country — also gave a bearish message. For the first time in nine months, the leading indicator fell sharply. This was partly a reflection of the fall in stock market prices, but it also reflected adverse movements in deliveries, money supply, materials prices, unemployment claims, working hours and orders for plant and equipment. So long as US growth looks sluggish the administration may be prepared to see the dollar go on falling.

Neglect of the dollar will only end if the Administration becomes more frightened about the effect of a lower exchange rate on inflation than about the threat of recession. If and when that happens, propping up the currency is likely to require a rise in the discount rate and some determined intervention by the Federal Reserve. Given a clear indication of commitment to stabilizing the currency, the turnround could be rapid. It is almost inevitable that the dollar will overshoot its underlying value on the downward tack just as it overshot so spectacularly on the way up.

The forces ranged in favour of a reduction in the US trade deficit are now formidable. Domestic demand is relatively weak. The fall in share prices can only make it weaker. And the further fall in the dollar must again improve US competitiveness. For the immediate future, there is still the problem of the J-curve to negotiate, which will initially tend to make the deficit worse in value terms as imports cost more, but the chances of a significant improvement in the world trade imbalance next year look good. It may be some time, however, before foreign exchange traders are willing to be convinced.

Mexico's breakthrough

Mexico may just have achieved the revolutionary breakthrough the international debt problem has needed for years. It is not a universal panacea and there is nothing brilliantly original about its debt buy-back scheme. What is original is that it actually stands some chance of success.

The crucial achievement is in securing the United States Treasury's willingness to guarantee the deal. Its $10 billion in zero-coupon 20-year bonds backs the capital element of Mexico's own bonds to be issued in exchange for existing debt (although the interest is still a Mexican risk).

This, at last, is the real government support for which the creditor banks have long been pleading. It is the essential element which will prompt banks to accept the deal.

As long as they do (though this is still not a certainty) another crucial barrier will have crumbled: the banks' refusal to write off debts. If the secondary market in Mexican debt remains unchanged, they will be asked to accept around half the face value of some of their Mexican loans. There must also be a presumption that this technique may eventually be used elsewhere, so future write-offs will be assumed on loans to other big debtor countries.

That is not necessarily a bad thing for the banks themselves. The possibility of further big debt provisions, or even write-offs, has already been discounted in bank share prices. At the same time, the Mexican deal should be perceived as an important shift forward in the debt process, and a significant step towards restoring Mexico to creditworthiness on commercial markets.

Banks, of course, will differ in their response once they see the details of the plan. But the Bank of Boston's recent move in writing off a chunk of Third World debt shows that the time is ripe for this solution, particularly among small regional US banks which want to be shot of the whole problem once and for all.

The last important principal which the deal appears to contain is that individual banks will bargain bilaterally with the Mexican authorities over the size of the discount at which they will sell debt. Until now, the need for all creditor banks to agree to reschedulings has bogged the whole process down, and recently some banks have shown signs of mutiny.

Quite how soon the idea can be applied to other countries, however, is a moot point. Mexico had to be the first because it is the blue-eyed boy of the Latin American debtors, with strong foreign currency reserves, low inflation, stable government and a fairly good relationship with the International Monetary Fund. That, and America's close political interest in being nice to the country on its doorstep, have produced the US Treasury's willingness to co-operate.

But when Brazil came up with a very similar plan last September it was shouted down by the banks and rejected out of hand by Mr James Baker, the US Treasury Secretary. Brazil, at the time, was refusing to pay interest on its external bank loans, or talk to the IMF. The US move to guarantee Mexico's scheme should in practice — as it is probably intended to do — encourage other countries to take a more conciliatory line on debt, and head off further repayment moratoriums.

Ivan's terrible farewell

How the mighty have fallen. More than 100 curious spectators crowded into the former offices of disgraced arbitrageur Ivan Boesky on Fifth Avenue, New York, on Tuesday, but the few who were there to buy refused to pay anything like the going second-hand rate for his office furniture. A genuine Boesky wastepaper bin fetched $5 (£2.70), a $5,000 reception desk sold for $300 and dozens of other, slightly battered oak desks and leather chairs — as well as four thirsty-looking pot plants — also went under the hammer at bargain prices. Auctioneer Michael Amodeo groaned when the first bid for a $25,000 set of filing cabinets came in at just $200. His vain attempt to rally enthusiasm drew only a roar of laughter from the crowd. "Come on," he cried, "there were famous records stored in there." The filing cabinets eventually sold for $750. Security guards did, however, apprehend one man riffling through cardboard boxes containing reports to Boesky from subordinates and another light-fingered onlooker stole a box containing genuine Ivan Boesky & Co letter-heads.

Out in front

Reebok, the sports shoe manufacturer part-owned by Britain's Pentland Industries, is the most profitable company in America. According to a league table of 880 American companies being published in the January 11 edition of *Forbes* magazine, Massachusetts-based Reebok has been the most profitable company for the past five years in terms of return on equity. According to *Forbes*, its average return during the past three years has been more than 200 per cent with a 52 per cent return for the most recent 12 months.



THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Board life begins at 38

Gene Lockhart, who celebrated his 38th birthday in November, is one of a rare breed. When he joins the board of Midland Bank as an executive director tomorrow, he will swell to just four the number of directors who have been appointed to the bank's board before their fortieth year. Already noted in the history books for such a claim to fame are WG Bradshaw, who was 30 when he joined the board in 1891, and Lord Davies who became a director in 1912 at the tender age of 32. American-born Lockhart, chief executive of Midland's information technology department, will even pip by one year Charles Geach, who founded Midland Bank in 1836. Geach did not join the board for another 11 years and by then he was 39 years old.

Look ahead

Takeover bid or not, the board of Freemans, the mail order group which is attempting to fend off the attentions of Sears, is going ahead with plans to extend its executive directors' service contracts. Small print in the Freemans defence document, published yesterday, explains that it is company policy to renew service contracts in February each year — with the contracts for executive directors being continually topped up to three years. Six Freemans directors are scheduled to have their contracts renewed this coming February, committing the company to pay them an additional £290,000 or more. The Sears bid, launched this month, could still be raging by the time the contracts are renewed. But if I were them I would seriously consider bringing the renewal date forward a little, just in case.

Weinstock No 2

Lord Weinstock, the autocratic ruler of GEC, was yesterday joined on the board by his son, Simon, aged 35. It has long been rumoured that he harbours a dream that his son would one day assume his position as managing director of the £4.3 billion firm, and yesterday's announcement that both Simon Weinstock and Marconi's MD, Dr Ian Macbean, aged 55, had been *made* directors was certainly a step in that direction. But sector followers were sceptical. "Some people might think that Simon has been made a director because of his father but that is unfair," said one analyst. "He is very able. In any case, GEC is such an enormous company that it would be impossible for Lord Weinstock to turn it into a family dynasty." GEC's capitalization represents 1.28 per cent of the FT All-Share index and almost 40 per cent of the electronics sector. Lord Weinstock speaks for less than 0.5 per cent of the company — but his stake is worth £21.5 million. Simon, a former merchant banker with SG Warburg, joined GEC five years ago and is responsible for commercial affairs.

● **Joke doing the rounds at New York drinks parties during the festive season: Father Christmas, a cheap lawyer and an expensive lawyer are walking down Wall Street. A $20 bill blows across the pavement in front of them. Which one stoops to pick it up? Answer: The expensive lawyer — the other two are figments of your imagination.**

Carol Leonard

Decline in business failures 'reflects confident Britain'

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The number of business failures in Britain in 1987 dropped by 15.8 per cent compared with last year, which had the most dramatic fall this decade, according to a survey carried out by Dunn & Bradstreet, the industrial analysis group.

The improvement is due to a stronger economy during the year, lower interest rates and buoyant business confidence, the survey concluded.

"There is a feeling that the economy is through the worst, and there is more business confidence around now than at any time during the 1980s," said Mr Keith Williams, the managing director of Dunn & Bradstreet.

The total of 17,405 business failures is still, however, 64 per cent higher than it was in 1982.

The worst hit area was London and the South-east which had 7,211 failures, or 25 per cent of the total.

This, however, reflects the much higher level of business activity in this area in comparison with the rest of Britain.

In proportion to the number of businesses operating in the South-east, failures and bankruptcies were actually below the average for the whole country.

The North-west was the second worst hit, with 2,349 failures, followed by the North-east with 1,952.

Liquidations of public companies dropped by more than 22 per cent compared with the previous year as many managements improved their techniques.

But bankrupticies among small private businesses only dropped by 3 per cent, reflecting the continuing chaotic management of many small businesses.

"There was a sharp increase in small businesses during the 1980s as people were made redundant with golden handshakes and started up in business on their own," said Mr Williams.

"But about 50 per cent of new businesses fail, and this is still showing through.

"Unfortunately, many small companies still go bankrupt because they do not apply really adequate financial controls.

"We calculate that 20 per cent of the businesses that failed could have survived if they had instituted proper controls.

"Accountants and banks have started trying to help businesses with this, but there is still a long way to go," Mr Williams added.

US deficit with Asia soars

From Our Correspondent, Hong Kong

America's trade deficit with East Asia and the Pacific is continuing to grow at an alarming rate.

The deficit for the first 10 months of this year was $90.1 billion (£48.64 billion), according to figures released yesterday by the US Commerce Department.

That is $12.5 billion more than the same period last year. A US government spokesman said: "This figure represents 62 per cent of the total US trade deficit with the world."

During the 10-month period, the region's share of exports from the US dropped from 28 per cent to 25 per cent, while goods from Asia/Pacific accounted for 41 per cent of the US import market, up from 40 per cent.

Total trade between the US and the region was 11.3 per cent higher in the first 10 months of 1987 than in the same period last year. Trade between the two totalled $197.6 billion, representing 36 per cent of US trade with the world.

The biggest contributors to the trade deficit were Japan, with a $50.2 billion difference between exports and imports; Taiwan, which had a $16.7 billion deficit in the first 10 months of the year; South Korea with $8.4 billion and Hong Kong with $5.6 billion.

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Amer Gth 48.1 52.5 +1.5 0.00
Euro Gth 47.7 48.6 +1.5 0.00
Far East 51.3 54.6 +1.6 0.00

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
0483 83000
Amer Tst 98.5 104.3c -0.3 0.98
Canadian Gth 17.1 18.5 .. 1.50
European Tst 73.9 78.4 .. ..
Growth Tst 24.8 26.4 +0.5 4.53
High Income 302.5 322.5 +5.5 6.59
Hi Tech Tst 96.0 102.0 +1.6 0.00
Japanese Tst 179.9 194.5 +3.1 .. ..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 0RL
0737-242624
European Gth 44.1 47.5e -0.2 3.50
Euro Spec Sits 32.3 35.1 +0.1 3.50
N Amer Gth 24.5 26.5 +0.1 0.00
Pacific Gth 43.7 46.9e .. 0.00
UK Gth Acc 58.3 60.5 +0.6 0.00
Do Dist 54.2 58.1 +0.6 0.00
UK Income 54.2 58.1 +0.6 4.50

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492
American Fd 50.4 53.7 .. 1.86
Capital Fd 110.9 118.1 .. 2.21
Eurotrust 20.3 21.6 .. 2.21
Growth & Inc 159.5 169.7 .. 4.12
Income Fd 137.5 146.4e .. 5.82
International 170.4 182.3 .. 2.82
Pacific Fd 16.6 17.9 .. 0.00
Resources Fd 21.6 23.0 .. 0.00
Spec Sits Co 118.1 125.7c .. 0.00
Tokyo Fd 169.6 180.5 .. ..
Tr for Amer 2 104.4 107.3 .. ..
Tr for Japan 3 169.9 174.0e .. 0.21
Tr for Spec Sits 4 204.4 211.8 .. 0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
0242 221311
UK Select Inc 78.9 83.7e +1.2 3.91
Do Acc 110.2 116.7e +1.7 3.91
UK Gth Acc 111.3 118.1e +1.7 2.33
UK High Inc 88.1 94.5e +1.6 4.64
N American Acc 88.7 94.2 +1.1 1.04
Far East Acc 102.8 109.2 +1.6 0.00
European Acc 59.7 67.5 +1.0 1.55
UK Gt/Fd Inc 85.5 89.9e +1.2 5.91
Do Acc 92.5 98.9e +1.3 5.91
Spec Sits 34.3 36.8 +0.5 2.96

ENDSLEIGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Endsleigh House, 1-16-18 Worcester St, Cirencester GL7 2BJ
01-823 1212 Dealing 01-236 3985 Investor
Aberdeen 0860 260599
Amer/Can Inc 90.7 95.5 -0.7 0.70
Do Acc 94.5 99.6 -0.8 0.70
Australian 18.5 19.6 -0.3 0.00
British Acc 67.3 72.4 +0.5 2.00
Do Gilt 57.6 61.5 +0.5 2.00
Charity Inv 68.3 72.4 -1.1 1.89
Cornhill Share 57.8 61.2 -1.0 1.89
Corporate 21.3 44.6 +0.5 0.76
Extra Income 58.1 62.5 +1.1 4.90
Far East Inc 100.1 112.0 -0.6 0.00
Fixd Interest 27.0 28.6 .. 5.90
Frontier Mkts 20.6 22.2 -0.1 0.00
Global Fd 142.6 150.1 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 150.0 158.0 +0.4 0.00
Gold Share 16.9 18.1e .. 0.00
Hedged Amer 28.2 31.4e .. 0.00
High Income 28.2 31.5e .. 5.90
Hong Kong 29.0 .. .. 0.00
Income Fd 95.1 102.5 +1.1 5.90
Int F/Interest 28.3 30.7e +0.1 5.90
Japan Tst 100.1 110.6 +0.5 0.00
Pref & Fin Int 27.0 28.6 +0.1 5.90
Prop & Energy 37.1 37.8 -1.6 2.50
Spec Sit 102.7 110.5 -0.9 1.35
UK Sm Co Rec 54.9 102.1 -1.7 0.30

Eastern (formerly Oppenheimer) Tst Management Ltd
Eastern Hse, Cambridge CB2 1HB
0223 66866
Amer Gth Inc 68.5 73.6 -0.1 3.55
Gth & Inc 36.4 39.1 +0.1 7.48
Pacific Gth 43.3 46.4e +0.9 1.55
Pract Inv Inc 59.1 64.6 -0.9 2.96
Do Acc 112.1 120.6 -1.5 2.96
Wrldwide Recov 81.1 87.2e -1.5 1.82

Selected Opportunities Trust
Adelphi Pl, 40, Uxbridge Rd, London W5 5BP
Adventure 24.0 25.7 -0.9 1.38
European 51.0 54.8 -1.5 0.72
International 102.3 110.0 -1.5 1.14
Japan 58.2 64.4e -0.9 0.00
UK 55.2 59.0e -0.4 1.11

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680
US Smlr Co 46.0 48.0 .. 0.16
UK Inc Fd 51.9 57.2 .. 4.65
UK Gilt Fd 72.5 77.0 .. 0.00
Overseas Inc 54.8 58.1e .. 4.39
Fd Interest 58.0 60.9e .. 9.75
Natural Res Fd 52.0 55.6 .. 2.79
European Inc 52.8 57.3 .. 0.66
Financials Fd 21.6 23.5 .. 2.96
Int Tech Fd 80.0 91.5 .. 0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
7/8, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132
Euro Gth Acc 60.0 63.8 +0.5 .. ..
Do Inc 52.3 55.6 +0.5 0.40
Hi Yield Acc 22.8 24.4e +0.3 .. ..
Do Inc 27.8 29.6c +0.3 5.10
Inc Gth Acc 51.5 54.9e +0.6 .. ..
Do Inc 48.0 49.9e +0.6 4.09
Serv Co Acc 62.4 66.4 +2.9 .. ..
Do Inc 61.2 65.1 +2.7 0.38
Amer Gth Acc 19.3 20.5 .. 1.08
Do Inc 19.3 20.5 .. 1.08
Euro Gth Acc 14.2 15.1 .. 1.00
Do Inc 14.2 15.1 .. 1.00

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Tower Walk, Tunbridge Wells, TN2 1DY
Customer Service 0800 414191
01-623 1023
Global Gth 98.9 95.5 -0.1 0.00
High Income 82.7 88.0 +0.1 5.16
N Amer Tst 78.9 85.0 -0.2 0.00
Pacific Gth 98.0 97.5 .. 0.00
Recovery 277.4 295.5 +1.0 2.71
St Vincent Inc 102.7 103.4 +1.0 5.08
St Vinc US Gth 48.9 48.9 +0.2 1.19
Temp & Gn Co 216.9 228.5 .. 2.79
Euro Gth Tst 37.7 40.0 +0.9 0.00

FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, Leaden Hall Bldgs, London, Wall, London EC3P 3HQ
01-626 5181
Amer/Gen Inc 137.5 145.8 -3.3 ..
Do Acc 140.6 149.0 -3.3 ..
Amer Tsms Inc 140.2 148.6 -1.6 1.03
Do Acc 147.2 156.0 -1.6 1.03
Capital Inc 247.1 261.4 +3.3 2.39
Do Acc 264.5 280.3 +3.6 2.39
Conv/Gilt Inc 93.2 98.8 +0.2 4.38
Do Acc 93.7 99.3 +0.2 4.38
Eurogrowth Inc 48.3 51.1 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 48.5 51.3 +0.4 0.00
Extra Inc Inc 238.1 252.3 +3.5 4.11
Do Acc 247.2 262.0 +3.6 4.11
Financial Acc 57.0 60.4 +0.5 0.00
Do Inc 56.8 59.9 +0.7 0.00
Income Tst 144.5 153.2 +1.4 4.11
Do Acc 147.1 171.1e +1.5 4.11
Int Growth Inc 134.5 131.7 -1.4 ..
Do Acc 139.3 148.1 -1.5 ..
Japan/Gen Inc 55.5 101.3 -0.6 ..
Do Acc 99.8 105.4 -0.7 ..
Monthly Inc Fd 112.0 118.6e +1.4 ..
Prop Inc 57.3 60.7 +0.1 3.99
Recovery 183.2 191.0 +1.9 1.58
Do Acc 188.5 196.9 +1.9 1.58
Smlr Co Inc 48.8 51.6 +0.3 1.59
Do Acc 49.8 51.8 +0.3 1.59

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Castle Street, Salisbury SP1 3SH
Dealing 0722 411411 Admin 0722 412022
Equity Tst 212.8 226.5e -1.5 2.76
Do Acc 268.2 285.4e -1.9 2.76
Exempt Gth Dist 48.5 51.6 -0.3 5.91
Do Acc 48.5 51.6 -0.3 5.91
Fxd Interest Di 119.2 123.8e +1.1 10.65
Do Acc 142.1 147.6e +1.4 10.65
Int Gth Dist 48.5 48.7 .. 1.51
Do Acc 48.5 48.7 .. 1.51
N Amer Dist 158.5 168.0 +1.1 0.00
Do Acc 158.5 168.0 +1.1 0.00
Pac Basin Dist 149.7 159.9 .. 0.00
Do Acc 149.9 159.7e .. 0.00
Shrewd Dist 212.2 226.5e .. 1.51
Do Acc 212.2 226.5e .. 1.51
Shrewd Inc Di 50.5 53.6 .. 1.51
Do Acc 50.5 53.6 .. 1.51
N Do Bond Di 49.7 52.8 .. 0.00
Do Acc 49.7 52.8 .. 0.00

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431
Amer Speci Sit 481.1 507.3 +3.5 0.79
UK Cap Inc 120.6 128.3 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 178.2 187.8 +0.6 0.00
Income Fd 82.6 86.8 +0.3 6.00
Recovery Fd 88.8 93.6 +0.5 0.00
Smlr Co Fd 118.2 124.6 +0.8 0.00
Spec Sit 222.2 234.4 +1.4 0.00
Stalwart Opps 18.0 20.3 -0.1 ..

FRANKLINSTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, Leaden Hall Bldgs, London, Wall, London EC3P 3HQ
01-626 5181
Amer/Gen Inc 137.5 145.8 -3.3 ..
Do Acc 140.6 149.0 -3.3 ..
Amer Tsms Inc 140.2 148.6 -1.6 1.03
Do Acc 147.2 156.0 -1.6 1.03
Capital Inc 247.1 261.4 +3.3 2.39
Do Acc 264.5 280.3 +3.6 2.39
Conv/Gilt Inc 93.2 98.8 +0.2 4.38
Do Acc 93.7 99.3 +0.2 4.38
Eurogrowth Inc 48.3 51.1 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 48.5 51.3 +0.4 0.00
Extra Inc Inc 238.1 252.3 +3.5 4.11
Do Acc 247.2 262.0 +3.6 4.11
Financial Acc 57.0 60.4 +0.5 0.00
Do Inc 56.8 59.9 +0.7 0.00
Income Tst 144.5 153.2 +1.4 4.11
Do Acc 147.1 171.1e +1.5 4.11
Int Growth Inc 134.5 131.7 -1.4 ..
Do Acc 139.3 148.1 -1.5 ..
Japan/Gen Inc 55.5 101.3 -0.6 ..
Do Acc 99.8 105.4 -0.7 ..
Monthly Inc Fd 112.0 118.6e +1.4 ..
Prop Inc 57.3 60.7 +0.1 3.99
Recovery 183.2 191.0 +1.9 1.58
Do Acc 188.5 196.9 +1.9 1.58
Smlr Co Inc 48.8 51.6 +0.3 1.59
Do Acc 49.8 51.8 +0.3 1.59

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 7JJ
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-236 3885 Investor
Aberdeen 0860 260599
Amer/Gen Inc 90.7 95.5 -0.7 0.70
Do Acc 94.5 99.6 -0.8 0.70
Australian 18.5 19.6 -0.3 0.00
British Acc 67.3 72.4 +0.5 2.00
Do Gilt 57.6 61.5 +0.5 2.00
Charity Inv 68.3 72.4 -1.1 1.89
Cornhill Share 57.8 61.2 -1.0 1.89
Corporate 21.3 44.6 +0.5 0.76
Extra Income 58.1 62.5 +1.1 4.90
Far East Inc 100.1 112.0 -0.6 0.00
Fixd Interest 27.0 28.6 .. 5.90
Frontier Mkts 20.6 22.2 -0.1 0.00
Global Fd 142.6 150.1 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 150.0 158.0 +0.4 0.00
Gold Share 16.9 18.1e .. 0.00
Hedged Amer 28.2 31.4e .. 0.00
High Income 28.2 31.5e .. 5.90
Hong Kong 29.0 .. .. 0.00
Income Fd 95.1 102.5 +1.1 5.90
Int F/Interest 28.3 30.7e +0.1 5.90
Japan Tst 100.1 110.6 +0.5 0.00
Pref & Fin Int 27.0 28.6 +0.1 5.90
Prop & Energy 37.1 37.8 -1.6 2.50
Spec Sit 102.7 110.5 -0.9 1.35
UK Sm Co Rec 54.9 102.1 -1.7 0.30

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ
01-623 3333
Global Gth 98.9 95.5 -0.1 0.00
High Income 82.7 88.0 +0.1 5.16
N Amer Tst 78.9 85.0 -0.2 0.00
Pacific Gth 98.0 97.5 .. 0.00
Recovery 277.4 295.5 +1.0 2.71
St Vincent Inc 102.7 103.4 +1.0 5.08
St Vinc US Gth 48.9 48.9 +0.2 1.19
Temp & Gn Co 216.9 228.5 .. 2.79
Euro Gth Tst 37.7 40.0 +0.9 0.00

HARRIDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Arbuthnot House, 7, Ironmonger Lane, London EC2V 8EY
01-606 1066 Dealing 01-606 1065
Equity Inc 48.4 49.2 .. 4.38
Commodities Tst 88.6 92.4 +0.6 0.00
Equity Holding 99.1 103.4 +1.4 5.37
Gensmore Tst 74.2 78.7 +0.5 1.17
High Income 97.2 101.3 +0.5 5.37
Int Earnings Tst 44.7 47.6 +0.5 2.71
Japan/F East 94.9 100.4 -0.1 0.91
Nth Amer Tst 48.0 50.9 .. 1.38
Recov & Assoc 89.0 93.6 +0.7 1.58
Smlr Co Tst 92.3 97.5 +0.7 1.58
Spl Sits 98.8 103.9 +0.7 1.58

HENDERSON
Pyramid Ltd Administration Adelaide H, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex, 0277 261616
Amer Recov 72.4 77.1e +1.0 0.00
Amer Smlr Co 74.0 78.8 +0.4 2.49
Asset of World 48.6 45.5 +0.3 2.49
Cap Gth Inc 58.9 62.8 +0.4 2.17
Do Acc 58.9 62.8 +0.4 2.17
Eurogrowth 94.6 100.8 +0.4 1.51
Euro Inc Tst 58.1 62.0 +0.4 2.16
Euro Smlr Co 83.2 88.4 +0.7 2.16
Extra Income 234.8 250.1e +1.5 5.14
Financial Tst 150.0 159.8 +1.0 2.16
Fund Indepnds 41.3 43.8 +0.3 2.49
Gilt Tst 41.3 43.8 +0.3 2.49
Global Recov 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Global Tst 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Global Yield 48.6 51.8 +0.3 2.49
Gold & Gen 41.6 44.3 +0.3 2.49
High Income 112.8 120.2 +0.7 5.14
Japan Tst 47.3 50.4 +0.3 2.49
Pacific Basin 74.7 79.6 +0.5 2.49
Prop Shares 41.3 43.8 +0.3 2.49
Recovery Tst 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Sterling & Mthly 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Spec Sits Inc 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Do Acc 231.7 247.9 +1.4 2.17
Worldwide 48.6 51.8 +0.3 2.49
Spec Sits 97.2 103.6e +0.6 2.17
Gilt Tst Exempt 58.1 61.9e +0.4 2.17
Hi Inc Exempt 150.0 157.9e +0.9 5.14
Japan Exempt 150.0 159.8 +0.9 0.00
Pacific Exempt 144.2 151.8e +0.9 0.00
Spl Co Exempt 148.4 157.9e +0.9 0.00
Spec Sits Exempt 58.3 62.1 +0.4 2.17
Spec of Sits Ex 92.1 34.2 +0.1 2.78

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
NLA Tower, Addiscombe Road, Croydon CR9 5NA
01-686 4355 01-638 5011
British Units 58.1 62.2e +0.2 3.46
Capital Units 108.2 111.5 +0.6 3.46
Dollar Units 110.1 113.5 +0.6 3.46
European 101.0 108.1 +0.6 0.79
Far East 113.1 121.0e +0.4 0.57
Financial 108.9 112.9 +0.3 2.14
Gilt Interest Inc 58.0 59.1e .. 9.46
Do Gilt 49.0 49.5 .. ..
High Yield 78.8 84.3e +0.1 ..
Income 108.2 115.8 +0.4 5.37
International 113.9 121.9 +0.4 1.36
Japan Tech 48.4 49.4 +0.1 0.00
Net Resources 38.3 40.1 +0.1 1.38
Smlr Co 208.5 219.0 +1.1 1.36
Spec Sits 111.6 119.4 +0.9 1.86
US Smlr Co 19.8 21.0 +0.1 1.19

HSBC FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN
01-236 6210
Amer Gth Inc 125.9 133.9e .. 2.15
Inc Plus 68.1 70.0 .. 7.40
Cap Gth 65.9 68.5 .. 1.26
Inv Tst Fnd 67.5 71.9e .. ..

KEY FUND MANAGERS
25, High Street Rye Sussex TN31 7JF
0797 223511
Equity Gth 48.5 51.8 .. 0.78
Gilt/Fxd Interest 71.1 75.9 .. 9.59
Higher Inc 120.1 128.1 .. 9.59
Income 75.5 80.6e .. 9.59
International 43.3 46.4e .. 0.46

KLEINWORT BARRINGTON LIMITED
10 Fenchurch St London EC3
01-623 8000 Dealers 01-623 8776
Income Trusts
Gth Yield Inc 108.4 111.8e -0.1 11.30
Do Acc 208.1 212.5 -0.1 11.30
Global Inc 228.8 235.8 -0.1 4.66
Do Acc 228.8 235.8 -0.1 4.66
High Yield Inc 104.2 110.9e +1.1 5.18
Do Acc 218.5 233.5 +2.4 5.18
Capital Gth Trusts
Am Sm Co Inc 40.4 44.8 -0.5 0.27
Do Acc 41.6 46.1 -0.5 0.27
N American Inc 39.6 42.4e +0.1 1.66
Do Acc 39.6 42.4e +0.1 1.66
European Inc 74.9 78.7e -0.5 1.98
Do Acc 93.4 98.4 -0.6 1.98
Euro Spec Inc 48.4 51.5 +0.1 ..
Do Acc 48.4 51.5 +0.1 ..
Fd Of Invest Inc 21.9 23.4 -0.1 1.89
Do Acc 22.4 23.2 -0.1 1.89
General Inc 169.1 181.5 +1.5 2.74
Do Acc 169.1 181.5 +1.5 2.74
Int Recov Inc 111.2 118.9e +0.9 1.65
Do Acc 111.2 118.9e +0.9 1.65
Japan Inc 108.5 116.2 +0.6 0.00
Do Acc 108.5 116.2 +0.6 0.00
Master Acc 132.1 140.4e -1.0 0.00
Pacific Inc 108.5 116.2 +0.6 0.00
Do Acc 108.5 116.2 +0.6 0.00
Smlr Co Inc 98.2 104.5e +1.5 1.21
Do Acc 116.5 124.1 +1.8 1.21
UK Gth Inc 98.2 104.5e +1.5 0.00
Do Acc 44.7 47.6 +0.1 0.00

LAC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
93, George Street, Edinburgh
031-225 5999
European 34.3 36.5e +0.4 ..
Extra Income 31.5 33.5e +0.4 ..
Far East 34.8 37.0e +0.5 ..
Income & Gth 48.6 51.7e +0.6 ..
Int Gth 34.7 36.9 +0.5 ..
Japan 48.6 51.7e +0.6 ..
N Amer Equity 28.4 30.2e .. ..
UK Equity 46.4 49.3e +1.0 1.50

LEGAL & GENERAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
5, Rayleigh Road, Brentwood Essex
Brentwood 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 261810
Equity Dist 280.9 298.8 +0.4 3.04
Do Acc 297.4 316.3 +0.4 3.04
European 73.9 77.7 +0.2 0.00
European 53.5 56.9 +0.4 1.46
Far Eastern 111.9 119.0 +0.5 0.00
Gilt 91.5 96.8 +0.1 7.21
O'seas Equity 71.7 76.2 +0.2 0.00
Natural Res 73.9 80.7 +0.5 1.47
N American 83.6 87.7 +0.7 1.79
UK Spec Sits 89.6 95.2e +1.4 1.59
Unit Trust 24.9 26.4e .. 1.85
Managed Tst 42.6 45.3e +0.1 1.85

LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Beaufort Hse, Gosling-Sy-Gen, Worthing, W Sussex
0903 64000
Balanced 264.4 277.4 +1.1 3.16
Do Acc 267.2 280.4 +1.1 3.16
Cpn Euro Gt 32.2 34.2 +0.2 1.51
Do Acc 32.2 34.2 +0.2 1.51
Energy Inc 89.2 93.9 +0.4 2.71
Do Acc 89.2 93.9 +0.4 2.71
General Gt 48.1 51.1 +0.5 0.00
Do Acc 48.1 51.1 +0.5 0.00
Income 343.9 365.6e +1.5 4.15
Do Acc 344.0 364.8 +1.5 4.15
Japan Gt 64.9 69.0 +0.4 0.00
Do Acc 64.9 69.0 +0.4 0.00
Overseas Inc 107.7 114.5 +0.6 0.00
Do Acc 107.7 114.5 +0.6 0.00
Portfolio Inc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Recovery 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Smlr Co Inc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Spec Sits 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Technology 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
UK Growth 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71
Do Acc 84.1 89.4 +0.5 2.71

LONDON & MANCHESTER
Woodside Park, Exeter EX4 1DB
0392 219342
General 47.1 50.0e .. 0.00
Gilt 47.1 50.0e .. 0.00
International 47.1 50.0e .. 0.00
American 37.1 39.4e .. 0.00
Japan 37.1 39.4e .. 0.00
Spec Sit of Invest 36.5 38.8 +0.3 2.19

M & G SECURITIES
Three Quays, Tower Hill EC3R 6BQ
01-626 4588 Dealing: 0800 289336
Amer/Gen Inc 167.8 177.0 .. ..
Do Acc 167.8 177.0 .. ..
Amer Recovery 179.2 189.1 .. 0.61
Do Acc 187.7 207.3 .. 0.61
Am Sm Co Acc 94.9 99.8 .. 0.00
Australian Acc 98.3 103.4 +0.1 0.00
Command Acc 288.1 303.1 +1.0 ..
Compound Gth 488.9 501.7 +1.5 ..
Common Gth 231.6 243.5 +0.8 ..
Do Acc 231.6 243.5 +0.8 ..
Dividend Inc 485.8 514.5e +1.2 ..
Do Acc 515.05 545.9e +1.3 ..
Emerging Acc 275.5 290.7 +1.0 0.00
Extra Yield Inc 275.5 290.7 +1.0 0.00
Do Acc 624.3 658.8 +2.3 0.00
Far East Inc 122.1 128.9 +1.0 0.00
Do Acc 122.1 128.9 +1.0 0.00
Fd Of Inv Inc 284.6 291.9e +0.2 ..
Do Acc 427.6 455.4 +0.3 ..
General Inc 706.5 745.4e +1.7 ..
Do Acc 2145.67 2264.0e +5.0 ..
Gt/Fxd Interest 68.5 72.3 +0.1 ..
Do Acc 191.3 198.4 +0.4 ..
Gold Income 30.9 34.2 +0.1 0.00
Do Acc 30.9 34.2 +0.1 0.00
Hi Income Inc 378.4 399.3e +0.9 5.26
Do Acc 2150.61 11.41 +0.06 5.26
Int Growth Inc 697.9 736.1 +1.6 ..
Do Acc 1211.18 11.36 +0.07 ..
Int Income 58.0 58.0 +0.3 ..
Japan Acc 102.1 107.7 +0.4 0.00
Japan Spec Acc 97.3 102.6 +0.4 0.00
Japan Spec Inc 97.3 102.6 +0.4 0.00
Recovery Inc 238.9 251.4 +0.9 0.00
Do Acc 238.9 251.4 +0.9 0.00

MIM FUND MANAGERS
36, Queen Street London EC4 1DN
01-236 4210
Bel-Air Cheese 125.9 133.9e .. 2.15
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7	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
8	Rowntree (aa)	Foods	
9	Audio Fidelity	Electricals	
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11	Eucalyptus Pulp	Paper,Print,Adv	
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24	Eurotherm	Electricals	
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37	Tarmac (aa)	Building,Roads	
38	Meyer Int	Building,Roads	
39	Laird	Industrials L-R	
40	Maxwell Comm (aa)	Newspapers,Pub	
41	Hepworth Ceramic	Industrials E-K	
42	LWT Hldgs	Cinemas,TV	
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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
471	388	Allied-Lyons (aa)	453	457	+10	16.2	4.6	10.5
77	70	Bass (aa)	75	76	+1	4.6	6.1	11.5
77	70	Bellhaven	75	76	+1	4.6	6.1	11.5
288	224	Bodington	280	285	+5	11.5	4.0	12.1
295	237	Brown (Matthew)	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Bulmer (H P)	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Burtonwood Brew	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
361	297	Clark (Edinburgh)	357	362	+5	14.4	4.0	11.5
361	297	Devenish (JA)	357	362	+5	14.4	4.0	11.5
288	237	Greenall Whitley	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Grosvenor Sing	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Guinness (IR)	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
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288	237	Irish Distillers	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Marston Thompson	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Morland	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	S A Breweries	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Scot & Newc (aa)	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Vaux Gp	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Do 'B'	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Whitbread Inv	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Wolverhampton & D	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5
288	237	Young 'A'	285	290	+5	11.5	4.0	11.5

BUILDING, ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Ch'nge	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
540	129	Abbey	145	170				
115	88	Anglo Ltd	41	43	+10	16.8	39.2	12.2
215	115	Ashtead	200	207		14		27.8
440	223	Atlantic	282	292		33	11.3	21.1
417	265	Bamford	282	292	+10	16.8	5.8	14.5
463	219	Barratt Ind (aa)	282	292	+10	16.8	5.8	14.5
310	97	Beazer Gp	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
94	31	Berkeley Brick	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
90	31	Bett (Ben) Constr	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
165	76	Bovis	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
265	180	Bredero Dms	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
265	180	Bullough	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
265	76	Caledonia	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Costain	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Crouch (D)	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Do 'A'	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Crouch Gp	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Do 'A'	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Cruden Bros	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Do 'A'	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Cory (Horace)	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Do 'A'	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
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330	130	Ellis & Everard	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Ewbank	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Fitzroy-Nixon	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
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330	130	Hickson	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Hoskins (MEB)	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Imp Chem Ind (aa)	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Laporte (aa)	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Leigh	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Marsh Hydro	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Pilcon	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Redbank Hldgs	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Rmc	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Scott	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Scottish Cnsolidtd	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Shanks & McEwan	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tarmac	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tilbury Douglas	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tilcon	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tilcon Ltd	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tilcon Warwick	248	258	+11	15	5.8	11.2
330	130	Tilcon Zinc

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The world sports

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Jan 31: Super Bowl XXII, San Diego, California

ARCHERY

Mar 27: National indoor championships, RAF Cosford
Apr 30: Field archery championships, Rhondda, Mid-Glamorgan
Jun 4-5: United Kingdom Masters, Chorley, Lancashire
June: World field championships, Rome
Jun 29: Grand National meeting, Oxford
Aug 13-14: British target championships, Lichfield
Sep 29-31: Olympic Games, Seoul

ATHLETICS

Jan 15-16: Scottish indoor championships, Glasgow
Jan 22-23: Pearl Assurance National indoor championships, Cosford
Jan 30: McVities World cross-country trials, Gateshead
Mar 5-6: European indoor championships, Budapest
Mar 26: World cross-country championships, Auckland, New Zealand
Apr 17: Mars London marathon
Jun 4-5: HFC UK championships, Derby
Jun 25-26: Dairy Crest AAA Junior and WAAA Euro-Junior championships, Stoke; Capital Windows Welsh championships, Swansea
Jul 8: Peugeot-Talbot Games, Crystal Palace
Jul 8-9: Milk in Action English schools' championships, Yeovil
Jul 23-24: AAA/WAAA Combined events championships, Stoke; ScotRail Scottish championships, Crownpoint
Jul 24: Pearl Assurance Great North Run, Tyneside
Jul 27-31: World junior championships, Sudbury
Jul 29: IAC/Miller Lite Grand Prix, Edinburgh
Aug 5-7: AAA/WAAA championships, Birmingham
Aug 26: IAAF Grand Prix final, West Berlin
Sep 23-Oct 2: Olympic Games, Seoul

BADMINTON

Jan 6-10: Grand Prix finals, Hong Kong
Feb 8-9: Carlsberg English national championships, Crawley
Feb 22-28: Thomas and Uber Cups, European zone
Mar 16-20: Yonex All-England championships, Wembley
Apr 10-16: European championships, Kristiansand, Norway
May 23-June 5: Thomas and Uber Cup finals, Kuala Lumpur
Sept 8-11: World Cup
Sept 18-19: Olympic exhibition, Seoul
Sept 30-Oct 2: Bells Championships of the Highlands, Perth
Oct 13-16: British Airways English Masters, London
Dec 15-18: World Grand Prix finals

BASKETBALL

Jan 1-2: Carlsberg tournament of champions, Leicester
Jan 27: European championship (men): Semi-final round: Netherlands v England
Feb 3: European championship (men): Semi-final round: England v Greece, Crystal Palace
Mar 30: League Cup final, Aston Villa
Apr 9-10: Carlsberg national championships, Wembley Arena
Apr 15-17: Women's home Internationals, Northampton
May 4-8: European championship (women): Challenge round, Finland
Jun 6-19: Women's Olympic qualification tournament, Kuala Lumpur
Jun 28-Jul 10: Men's Olympic tournament, Netherlands
Sept 17-30: Olympic Games, Seoul (if qualified)
Oct 27: European championship (men): Semi-final round: Czechoslovakia v England, Prague
Nov 2: European championship (men): Semi-final round: England v Netherlands

BILLIARDS

Jan 17-21: Strachan United Kingdom professional championship, Middlesbrough
Feb 13-14: Yorkshire Bank tournament, Leeds
Mar 11-15: World professional championship, Bolton
May 15-22: BCE European professional championship, Antwerp, Belgium

BOBSLEIGHING

Jan 14-21: Foster's World Cup series final, Cervinia, Italy
Jan 23-31: European championships, Sarajevo, Yugoslavia
Feb 14-28: Winter Olympic Games, Calgary

BOWLS

Jan 30-Feb 14: Men's world outdoor championships, Auckland, New Zealand
Mar 5-13: Men's world indoor singles championship, Alexandra Palace
Mar 14-17: British women's indoor championships, Llanelli
Apr 18-22: British men's indoor championships, Hartlepool
May 27-29: Masters singles tournament, Worthing
Jul 2-7: British women's championships, Spennymoor
Jul 4-8: British men's championships, Larne
Aug 21-27: EBF championships, men and women, Skegness
Sep 17-18: National mixed pairs finals, Hatfield
Oct 10-15: Superbowl championship, Manchester
Oct 29-Nov 6: UK indoor singles championship, Preston
Nov 21-Dec 2: Women's World outdoor championships, Auckland, New Zealand
Dec 3-10: Men's World indoor pairs championship, Bournemouth

BOXING

Jan 22: England v Scotland, Gateshead
Apr 19: George Wimpey ABA British semi-finals, Norbreck Castle Hotel, Blackpool
Apr 28-30: Intercup tournament, Karlsruhe, West Germany
May 6: George Wimpey ABA finals, Wembley Arena

Eastern presence a threat in Seoul

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

The recent acceptances, well before the deadline, by East Germany and Hungary of their invitations to Seoul is the strongest indication yet that the rest of the Soviet block will follow suit, and the Games of the 24th Olympiad will be almost without boycott, and thus have the broadest representation and be potentially the most successful since the last time they were held in the Far East, in Tokyo 1964.

The focus of the Games, as always, will be track and field athletics, with the Soviet, United States, and East German teams continuing their domination of the medal tables, but the shape of things to come will be the number of Chinese running, jumping and throwing themselves into the lower placings.

But it is the individual matches, as always, which will excite most interest. Ben Johnson has stolen all the clichés, he is both the irresistible force *and* the immovable object between Carl Lewis and his attempt to become the past and future sprint king.

It is unlikely that there will ever be such an exciting finish to a 400 metres hurdles as at the world championships. But if Ed Moses is intent on his third Olympic gold, which but for boycott, he would have got in Moscow, then Danny Harris and Harald Schmid will be with him right to the line again in Seoul.

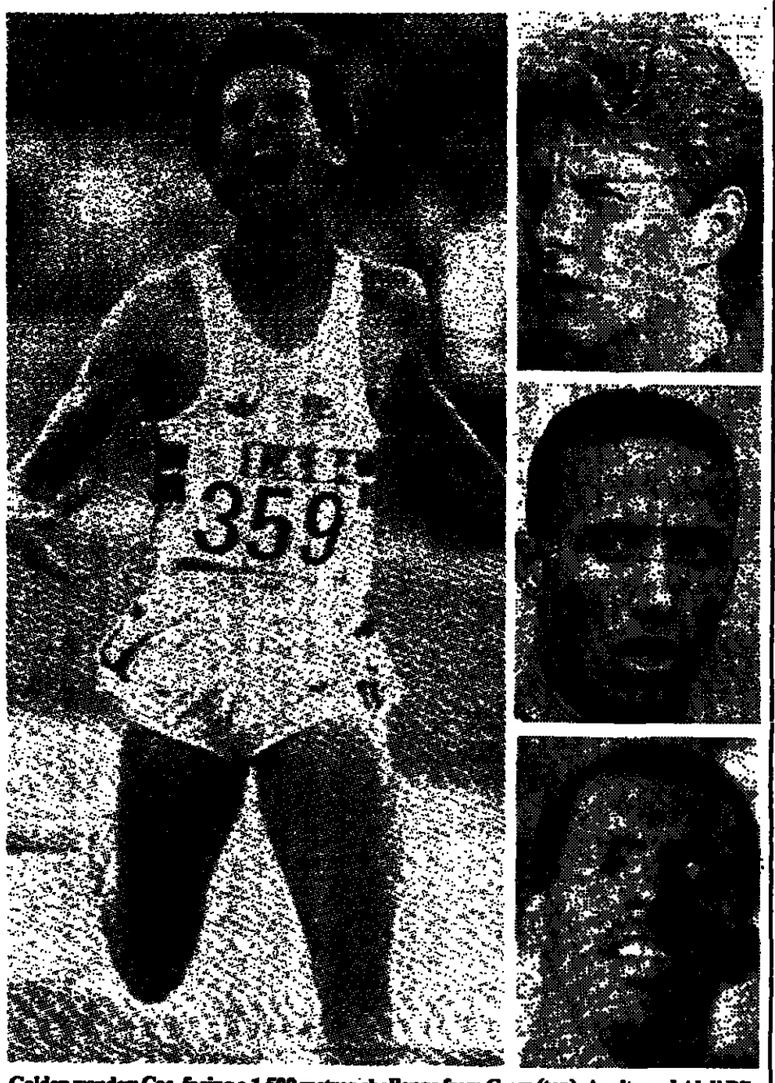
British chances of emulating the four gold medals in Moscow, and the three in Los Angeles, none of which owed anything to boycotts, must be high. Daley Thompson has vowed never to do as badly again as his eighth place in Rome. And he and Sebastian Coe would go to Seoul looking for unprecedented third successive titles in their events. Coe's will be the harder job. Steve Cram's demise in Rome will make him even more intent on the only title he lacks. But the amazing Said Aouita intends to go back to the 1,500 metres as well. Then there is emergent world champion, Abdi Bile Abdi. If all four get there on form, we can really see the (metric) mile of the century.

Tessa Sanderson will have to raise her game to defend her javelin title, and prevent Fatima Whitbread taking her third consecutive major championship, not withstanding the close competition of Petra Felke.

The other major British medal hopes, and all could be close to gold, are Jon Ridgeon and Colin Jackson in the high hurdles; Linford Christie and John Regis in the sprints; Derek Redmond and Roger Black in the 400 metres; Peter Elliott and Tom McKean in the 800 metres; Jack Buckner in the 5,000 metres; and Liz Lynch and Zola Budd in the women's distance races.

In the other sports, Adrian Moorhouse and Andrew Jameson are the best swimming bets; the hockey team could even go better than their unexpected third in Los Angeles.

The equestrian teams are also medal hopes. Malcom Cooper defends his three-positions rifle gold; and Steve Redgrave and Andy Holmes are among the front rowers for both the coxed and coxless pairs.



Golden wonder: Coe, facing a 1,500 metres challenge from Cram (top), Aouita and Abdi Bile

SEOUL OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

Athletics finals

Sept 23: Shot (men); marathon (women)
Sept 24: Triple jump (men); 100m (men); heptathlon (women)
Sept 25: Javelin (men); high jump (men); 400m hurdles (men); 3,000m (women)
Sept 26: Hammer (men); 800m (women); 800m (men); long jump (men); javelin (women); 110m hurdles (men); 400m (women); 10,000m (men)
Sept 28: Pole vault 9men); 400m hurdles (women); 400m (men); 200m (men)
Sept 29: Discus (women); long jump (women); 200m (women); decathlon (men)
Sept 30: 50k walk (men); high jump (women); 100m hurdles (women); 3,000m steeplechase (men); 10,000m (women)
Oct 1: Shot putt (women); discus (men); 1,500m (women); 1,500m (men); 5,000m (men); 4x100m relay (women); 4x100m relay (men); 4x400m (women); 4x400m (men); marathon (men)

Swimming finals

Sept 19: 100m free-style (women); 100m breastroke (men); 400m individual medley (women); 200m free-style (men)
Sept 21: 100m butterfly (men); 200m free-style (women); 400m individual medley (men); 200m breastroke (women); 4x200m free-style relay (men)
Sept 22: 400m free-style (women); 100m free-style (men); 100m backstoke (women); 200m backstroke (men); 4x100m free-style medley (women)
Sept 23: 400m free-style (men); 100m butterfly (women); 200m breastroke (men); 100m breastroke (women); 4x100m free-style relay (men)
Sept 24: 200m individual medley (women); 200m butterfly (men); 50m free-style (men); 800m free-style (women); 100m backstroke (men); 4x100m medley relay (women)
Sept 30: Solo synchronized (women)
Oct 1: Duet synchronized (women)

Other main events

Sept 17: Opening ceremony; tae-kwondo demonstration
Sept 18: Cycling, 100k team time trials final (men); diving, platform (women); shooting; tae-kwondo demonstration; weightlifting, 52kg
Sept 19: Shooting; tae-kwondo demonstration; weightlifting, 56kg
Sept 20: Cycling, 1,000m time trial final (men); diving, springboard (men); gymnastics, team optional exercises (men); shooting; wrestling, Greco-Roman finals; tae-kwondo demonstration; weightlifting, 60kg
Sept 21: Fencing, foil individual finals (men); gymnastics, team optional exercises (women); shooting; wrestling, Greco-Roman finals; weightlifting, 67.5kg
Sept 22: Cycling, 4,000m individual pursuit (men); equestrianism, three-day event final; fencing, foil individual finals (women); gymnastics, all-round finals (men); modern pentathlon finals; shooting; weightlifting, 75kg; wrestling, Greco-Roman finals
Sept 23: Fencing, sabre individual finals (men); gymnastics, all-round finals (women); shooting
Sept 24: Cycling finals, 1,000m sprint (men); 1,000m sprint (women); 4,000m team pursuit (men); individual points race (men); fencing, épée invidual finals (men); gymnastics, apparatus finals (men); rowing finals (men and women); shooting; weightlifting, 82.5kg
Sept 25: Cycling, individual road race final (women); gymnastics, apparatus finals (women); judo, extra-lightweight (men) and demonstration (women); rowing finals (men and women); weightlifting, 90kg
Sept 26: Cycling, individual road race final (men); equestrianism, team dressage final; judo, half lightweight (men) and demonstration (women); weightlifting, 100kg
Sept 27: Diving, springboard (women); equestrianism, team show jumping final; fencing, foil team finals (men); judo, lightweight (men) and demonstration (women); weightlifting, 110kg
Sept 28: Baseball demonstration; equestrianism, individual dressage final; fencing, foil team finals (women); judo, half middleweight (men) and demonstration (women); yachting finals
Sept 29: Basketball final (women); diving, platform (men); fencing, sabre team finals (men); handball final (women); judo, middleweight (men) and demonstration (women); volleyball final (women); weightlifting, over 110kg; wrestling, free-style finals
Sept 30: Archery finals; basketball final (men); canoeing finals; fencing, épée team finals (men); gymnastics, rhythmic (women); hockey final (women); judo, half heavyweight (men) and demonstration (women); tennis, singles final (men) and doubles final (women); wrestling, free-style finals
Oct 1: Archery finals; boxing finals; canoeing finals; football final; handball final (men); hockey final (men); judo, heavyweight (men) and demonstration (women); table tennis finals; tennis, doubles final (men); singles final (women); water polo final; wrestling, free-style finals
Oct 2: Boxing finals; equestrianism, individual show jumping final; volleyball final (men); closing ceremony

CANOEING

Feb 20-21: National canoe polo competition, Crystal Palace
Mar 5-6: Scottish wild water championships, Grandtully, Perthshire
Apr 1-4: Devizes to Westminster Race, River Thames
May 14-15: British Open wild water championships, Tryweryn, Gwynedd
Jun 18-19: National senior racing regatta, Holme Pierrepont
Jun 23-26: Pre-world slalom and wild water championships, Savage River, United States
Jul 8-17: World junior slalom and wild water championships, Sort, Spain
Jul 9-10: Nottingham international regatta, Holme Pierrepont
Jul 24: World canoe marathon championships, Holme Pierrepont
Jul 30-31: Europa Cup, first leg, wild water racing, Soja, Norway
Jul 30-31 (provisional): Europa Cup canoe sailing championship, Travemunde, West Germany
Aug 6-7: Europa Cup, first leg, slalom, Sweden
Aug 6-7: Europa Cup, second leg, wild water racing, Awe, Oban
Aug 13-14: Europa Cup, second leg, slalom, Holme Pierrepont
Aug 27-29: National marathon championships, Worcester
Oct 3-4: Olympic regatta, Seoul, Korea
Oct 22-23: British open slalom championships, Llangollen, Clwyd
Oct 29-30: International slalom championships, Llangollen, Clwyd

CRICKET

● **England will be in New Zealand early in the year, hopping over to Australia for a doubtless keenly-fought Bicentennial Test match at Sydney and an inevitable one-day international at Melbourne (Marcus Williams writes).**

The English season will be one of the busiest ever, with six Tests and four one-day internationals plus the county competitions. West Indies, who are regrouping their forces after recent retirements, are the main touring side and will be joined later in the summer by Sri Lanka.

There is a new domestic tournament, the Refuge Assurance Cup, involving the top four finishers in the Sunday league. Traditionalists will squirm at the plan to use an orange ball.

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England tour of New Zealand and Australia

Jan 18-20: Wellington v England XI, Wellington
Jan 23-25: Northern Districts v England XI, Hamilton
Jan 29-Feb 2: Australia v England, Bicentennial Test, Sydney
Feb 4: Australia v England, one-day international, Melbourne
Feb 7-8: Shell XI v England XI, New Plymouth
Feb 12-17: New Zealand v England, first Test, Christchurch
Feb 19-21: President's XI v England XI, Dunedin
Feb 25-29: New Zealand v England, second Test, Auckland
Mar 3-7: New Zealand v England, third Test, Wellington
Mar 9: New Zealand v England, one-day international, Dunedin
Mar 12: New Zealand v England, one-day international, Christchurch
Mar 16: New Zealand v England, one-day international, Napier
Mar 19: New Zealand v England, one-day international, Auckland

Other overseas fixtures

Jan 2: India v West Indies, one-day international, Calcutta; World Series Cup between Australia, New Zealand and Sri Lanka opens in Perth
Jan 6: India v West Indies, one-day international, Rajkot
Jan 7: India v West Indies, one-day international, Ahmedabad
Jan 11-16: India v West Indies, fourth Test, Madras
Jan 19: India v West Indies, one-day international, Faridabad
Jan 22: World Series Cup first final, Melbourne; India v West Indies, one-day international, Gwalior
Jan 24: World Series Cup second final, Sydney
Jan 25: India v West Indies, one-day international, Trivandrum
Jan 28: World Series Cup third final (if required), Melbourne
Jan 28: India v West Indies, one-day international, Ahmedabad
Jan 31: India v West Indies, one-day international, Trivandrum
Feb 12-18: Australia v Sri Lanka, Perth
Mar 12: West Indies v Pakistan, one-day international, Kingston
Mar 15: West Indies v Pakistan, one-day international, St John's
Mar 18: West Indies v Pakistan, one-day international, Port-of-Spain
Mar 18-22: Sheffield Shield final, Australia
Mar 20: West Indies v Pakistan, one-day international, Port-of-Spain
Mar 27: McDonald's Cup final, Australia
Mar 30: West Indies v Pakistan, one-day international, Georgetown
Apr 2-7: West Indies v Pakistan, first Test, Georgetown
Apr 15-20: West Indies v Pakistan, second Test, Port-of-Spain
Apr 22-27: West Indies v Pakistan, third Test, Port-of-Spain

English season

Apr 16: First-class season opens; MCC v Nottinghamshire, Lord's
Apr 21: Britannic Assurance county championship opens
Apr 24: Refuge Assurance Sunday League opens
Apr 26: Benson and Hedges Cup opens
May 7: West Indies tour opens
May 18: England v West Indies, Texaco Trophy, Edgbaston
May 21: England v West Indies, Texaco Trophy, Headingley
May 23: England v West Indies, Texaco Trophy, Lord's
May 25: Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-finals
June 2-7: England v West Indies, first Cornhill Test, Trent Bridge
June 8: Benson and Hedges Cup semi-finals
June 16-21: England v West Indies, second Cornhill Test, Lord's
June 22: NatWest Trophy first round
June 25: Eton v Harrow, Lord's
June 30-July 5: England v West Indies, third Cornhill Test, Old Trafford
July 3-5: Oxford v Cambridge, Lord's
July 6: NatWest Trophy second round
July 9: Benson and Hedges Cup final, Lord's
July 20: Sri Lanka tour opens
July 21-26: England v West Indies, fourth Cornhill Test, Headingley
July 27: NatWest Trophy quarter-finals
Aug 4-8: England v West Indies, fifth Cornhill Test, The Oval
Aug 10: NatWest Trophy semi-finals
Aug 19: Cockspur Cup club championship final, Lord's
Aug 20: Norsk Hydro village championship final, Lord's
Aug 25-30: England v Sri Lanka, Cornhill Test, Lord's
Sept 3: NatWest Trophy final, Lord's
Sept 4: England v Sri Lanka, Texaco Trophy, The Oval; Warwick Under-25 competition final, Edgbaston
Sept 5: Bain Clarkson Trophy final
Sept 7: Refuge Assurance Cup semi-finals
Sept 18: Refuge Assurance Cup final, Edgbaston

CROQUET

Jun 4-5: Home Internationals, Budleigh Salterton
Jun 13-19: Men's and women's championships, Cheltenham
Jul 9-13: Solomon Trophy, Cheltenham
Jul 15: President's match, Hurlingham
Jul 16-23: Open championships, Hurlingham
Sep 5-10: President's Cup, Hurlingham
Sep 17-18: Peel Memorials, Guildford
Sep 18: Longman Cup final, venue to be announced
Sep 24-25: All-England handicap final, Colchester

CYCLING

Jan 9: National cyclo-cross championship, Birmingham
Jan 30-31: World cyclo-cross championships, Switzerland
Apr 10: Paris to Roubaix
Apr 25-May 15: Tour of Spain
May 22-June 12: Tour of Italy
May 30-June 11: Milk Race, London to Birmingham
June 19: Women's national road race championship, Haslemere
June 28: National professional championships, Newport, Shropshire
July 4-24: Tour de France
July 17: National amateur road race championship, Ormskirk
July 23: National 100km team championship, Abergavenny
July 28-Aug 8: National track championships, Leicester
Aug 9-14: Kellogg's Tour of Britain
Aug 21-28: World track championships, Ghent, Belgium
Aug 28: World road race championships, Renaix, Belgium
Sept 28-Oct 2: Nissan international classic, Ireland

DARTS

Jan 1-2: British open, Kensington, London
Jan 9-17: Embassy World professional championships, Frimley Green, Surrey
Feb 7: Wales v Scotland, Cardiff
Feb 12-13: MFI World pairs, Canvey Island, Essex
Feb 21: England v wales, Preston
Feb 28: Scotland v England, Livingston
Mar 25: Nations Cup and Nations Triples, Alexandra Palace
Sept 3-10: British professional championship, Redcar
Oct 4: British Matchplay, Great Yarmouth
Oct 21-23: World Matchplay, Basildon
Oct 29: British Gold Cup, Stoke-on-Trent
Oct 30: British Champions Cup, Stoke-on-Trent
Dec 2-3: Whitmau World championships, Kensington, London
Dec 30-31: British open, Kensington

EQUESTRIANISM

Mar 16-20: FEI Dressage World Cup final, s'Hertogenbosch, Netherlands
Apr 6-10: FEI World Show Jumping Cup final, Gothenburg, Sweden
May 5-9: Whitbread Badminton three-day event, Gloucestershire
May 12-15: Royal Windsor horse show, Berkshire
May 15-29: Golden Horseshoe long-distance ride, Exmoor, Somerset
July 2-5: Nations Cup, Hickstead, Sussex; Carphone Group Bramham three-day event, Wetherby, Yorkshire
Jun 16-19: Royal International Horse Show, NEC, Birmingham
Jun 24-26: Goodwood long-distance ride, Sussex
Jul 8-10: Goodwood international dressage
Jul 24: Dubai International meeting, Hickstead
Jul 27-31: FEI European Pony three-day event championships, Knuthenborg, Denmark
July 28-31: Derby meeting, Hickstead
Aug 11-15: FEI European vaulting championships, Ebreichsdorf, Austria
Aug 25-28: FEI European young riders show jumping championships, Chaudfontaine, Belgium
Aug 31-Sep 4: FEI world four-in-hand driving championships, Apeldoorn, Netherlands
Sep 8-11: Burghley Remy Martin three-day event, Stamford, Lincolnshire
Sep 16-17: Taylor Woodrow national dressage championships, Goodwood
Sep 16-18: National carriage driving championships, Windsor
Sep 24-25: FEI World long-distance riding championships, Fort Royal, United States
Oct 6-9: Chatsworth three-day event, Derbyshire
Oct 10-15: Horse of the Year Show, Wembley
Dec 15-19: Olympia show jumping championships, London

FENCING

Jan 17-18: World cadet championship, foil, épée and sabre qualifying rounds, Queen Mother Sports Centre, Victoria, London
Feb 6-7: Leon Paul Cup, Men's foil international, Sedgewick Centre, London
Feb 27-28: Coupe d'Europe, Women's foil international, Turin, Italy
Mar 5-6: Challenge Martini international épée, Seymour Leisure Centre, Marylebone, London
Mar 11-12: Coupe d'Europe/Challenge Rommel, Men's foil international, Paris
Mar 19-20: De Beaumont Cup, Women's foil international, Swiss Cottage Centre, London
Apr 23-24: Home Internationals, Cardiff
May 7-8: Corble Cup, Men's sabre international, Sedgewick Centre, London
Nov 5-6: Tolly Cobbold women's épée international, Northgate Centre, Ipswich
Nov 19-20: Eden Cup, Men's under-20 foil international, Elephant and Castle Sports Centre, London

FOOTBALL

Jan 9/10: FA Cup, third round; Scottish FA Cup, second round
Jan 20: Littlewoods Cup, fifth round
Jan 30/31: FA Cup, fourth round; Scottish FA Cup, third round
Feb 7/10: Littlewoods Cup, semi-finals, first leg
Feb 17: Israel v England, Tel Aviv; Saudi Arabia v Scotland
Feb 20/21: FA Cup, fifth round; Scottish FA Cup, fourth round
Feb 24/28: Littlewoods Cup, semi-finals, second leg
Mar 2: European Cup competitions, third/fourth rounds
Mar 12/13: FA Cup, sixth round; Scottish FA Cup, fifth round
Mar 16: European Cup competitions, third/fourth rounds
Mar 23: England v Netherlands, Wembley; Malta v Scotland
Mar 27: Simod Cup final, Wembley
Apr 6: European Cup competitions, semi-finals, first leg
Apr 9/10: FA Cup, semi-finals; Scottish FA Cup, semi-finals
Apr 16-17: Mercantile Credit Centenary 11-a-side festival, Wembley
Apr 20: European Cup competitions, semi-finals, second leg
Apr 23: FA Vase final, Wembley
Apr 24: Littlewoods Cup final, Wembley
Apr 27: Hungary v England, Budapest
May 4: UEFA Cup final, first leg
May 7: FA Trophy final, Wembley
May 11: European Cup Winners' Cup final
May 14: FA Cup final, Wembley; Scottish FA Cup final, Hampden Park
May 18: UEFA Cup final
May 21: England v Scotland, Rous Cup
May 24: England v Colombia, Rous Cup
May 28: Scotland v Colombia, Rous Cup
May 28: Freight Rover Trophy final, Wembley
May 29: Switzerland v England (provisional)
May 25: European Cup final
Jun 10-25: European Championship finals, West Germany
Aug 6/10/13: Mercantile Credit Centenary Trophy (final, Villa Park)

GLIDING

Jun 11-19: Standard class national championships, Nympsfield, nr Stonehouse
Jun 12-28: European championships, Ryskala, Finland
Jul 9-17: 15-metre national championships and regionals, Wycombe Air Park, Marlow
Aug 6-14: Open class national championships and regionals, Lasham airfield, Alton

GOLF

● **Nick Faldo, the second British golfer to win the Open Championship in three years, will attempt at Royal Lytham and St Annes on July 14-17 to become the first home player since James Braid (1905-06) successfully to defend the title (Mitchell Platts writes). The opposition will include Ian Woosnam, who in 1987 became the first player in the history of the game to win more than £1 million in prize money in a single season, and the American Tom Watson. Watson requires one more win to equal Harry Vardon's record of six victories. Until January 31 a season ticket can be purchased from the Royal Ancient at a discount price of £35. Other prices and ticket applications can be obtained from The Secretary, Department 00, Royal and Ancient Golf Club, St. Andrews, Fife, KY 16 9JD.**

Jan 6-10: President's Putter, Rye
Jan 14-17: Mony Tournament of Champions, La Costa, California
Mar 3-6: Moroccan Open, Dar-es-Salaam
Mar 10-13: Majorca Open, Santa Ponsa
Mar 15-17: Avis Women's Foursomes, The Berkshire
Mar 17-20: Barcelona Open, El Prat
Mar 18-19: Oxford v Cambridge, Royal Porthcawl
Mar 22-25: Sunningdale Foursomes
Mar 24-27: Dunhill Cup qualifying, venue to be announced; Tournament Players championship, Ponte Vedra, Florida
Mar 31-Apr 3: Biarritz Open, Biarritz
Apr 4-7: Marbella Women's Open, Naranjos
Apr 7-10: US Masters, Augusta; European PGA tour event, to be announced; Halford Hewitt, Royal Cinque Ports and Royal St George's
Apr 14-17: Cannes Open, Cannes Mougins
Apr 21-24: Madrid Open, Puerta de Hierro
Apr 27-30: Ford Women's Classic, Woburn
Apr 28-May 1: Portuguese Open, venue to be announced
Apr 30-May 1: Lytham Trophy, Royal Lytham and St Annes
May 5-8: Epson Grand Prix, St Pierre; Quinta da Marinha Women's Classic, Portugal; Portuguese Women's Open, Vilamoura
May 12-15: Spanish Open, Pedrena
May 14-15: Brabazon Trophy, Saunton
May 18-21: British Women's Olivetti tournament, Moor Hall
May 19-22: Italian Open, Monticello
May 25-29: German Women's Masters, venue to be announced
May 27-30: Volvo PGA championship, Wentworth
May 30-June 4: Amateur championship, Royal Porthcawl
June 2-5: Dunhill British Masters, Woburn; Broadway Group Wirral Women's Classic, Caldy
June 9-12: Warig National Pro-celebrity, Moor Park; Letting French Women's Open, Fourqueux
June 10-11: Curtis Cup, Royal St George's, Sandwich
June 11-12: Berkshire Trophy, The Berkshire
June 14-18: British Women's Amateur Open championship, Royal Cinque Ports, Deal
June 16-18: Belgian open, venue to be announced; Dutch Women's open, Arnhem; US Open, Brookline, Boston
June 23-26: French Open, Chantilly; St Moritz Women's Open
June 29-July 2: Monte Carlo Open, Mont Agel
June 30-July 3: European Women's Open, Kingswood
July 4: Open championship regional qualifying, Glenbervie, Hainsley Common, Langley Park, Lindrick, Little Aston, Ormskirk, Porters Park
July 6-9: Bell's Scottish Open, Gleneagles
July 7-10: Worlein's Hennessy Cup, St Germain; Bidor Homes Women's Eastleigh Classic, Fleming Park; German Women's Open, Düsseldorf
July 10-11: Open championship final qualifying, Blackpool North Shore, Fernhaven, St Annes Old Links, Lytham Green Drive
July 14-17: Open championship, Royal Lytham and St Annes
July 21-14: Dutch Open, Haverbum
July 26-30: English amateur championship, Royal Birkdale
July 28-31: Scandinavian Enterprise Open, Olivia
Aug 4-7: Benson and Hedges International, Fulford; British Women's Open, Lindrick
Aug 9-12: Boys' championship, Formby
Aug 9-11: English Women's amateur open stroke play championship, Wentworth (East)
Aug 11-14: PLM Open, Flommens, Sweden; Danish Women's Open, Rungsted; Swedish Women's Open, Delsjo; Bowring Scottish Women's Open, Cawder; US PGA championship, Edmond, Oklahoma
Aug 18-20: Youths' championship, Belgowrie
Aug 18-21: Carrolls Irish Open, Portmarnock
Aug 24-26: British Women's amateur open stroke play championship, Royal Porthcawl
Aug 25-28: German Open, Frankfurt
Sept 1-4: Ebel European Open, Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland; Variety Club Women's Celebrity Classic, Calcot Park
Sept 2-3: English champion club tournament, Beaconsfield
Sept 6-8: Home internationals, Muirfield
Sept 8-11: Panasonic European Open, Sunningdale; Godiva European Women's Masters, Royal Antwerp
Sept 15-18: Lancôme Trophy, St Nom-la-Bretèche; Italian Women's Open, venue to be announced; Eisenhower Trophy, Sweden
Sept 22-25: German Masters, Stuttgart; WPGA championship, venue to be announced
Sept 23-25: English County finals, Seacroft
Sept 29-Oct 2: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Sept 29-Oct 2: James Capel Guernsey Women's Open, Royal Guernsey
Oct 6-9: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Oct 6-9: Laing Women's Charity Classic, Stoke Poges
Oct 13-16: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Oct 13-16: Biarritz Women's Open
Oct 20-23: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Oct 20-23: Women's World team challenge, Broome Park
Oct 27-30: Volvo Masters, venue to be announced; Woolmark Women's match-play championship, venue to be announced
Nov 2-6: Spanish Women's Open, La Manga
Nov 3-6: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Nov 10-13: European PGA tour event, to be announced
Nov 17-20: European PGA tour event, to be announced

GYMNASTICS

Jan 16: Gold Top Champions Cup, Albert Hall
Mar 1-2: Daily Mirror USSR display, Cardiff
Mar 5-6: Daily Mirror USSR display, Alexandra Palace
Apr 16: Vitalite Champions All, National Exhibition centre, Birmingham
May 7: Thames television Junior Gymnast of the Year, Alexandra Palace
Jul 23: NatWest Bank centenary display, Wembley Arena
Oct 29-30: Daily Mirror British championships, Wembley Arena
Nov 19: New Zealand Lamb rhythmic international, Wembley Conference Centre
Dec 17-18: Kraft International, Alexandra Palace

HANDBALL

Feb 6-7: World championship European qualification, Portugal
Feb 14-15: World championship European qualification, Portugal
Mar 19-20: International Cup, Cumbernauld, Scotland
May 1: Anglo-Scottish internationals, England
May 21: British Cup finals, Granby Halls, Leicester
May 28-29: Inter 88 tournament, Bristol
Sept: Olympic Games, Seoul
Oct: European Cup competitions, first leg elimination round

HANG GLIDING

Jan 27-Feb 13: World championships, Victorian Alps, Australia
Feb 13-21: International cross-country tournament, La Victoria, Venezuela
May 31-Apr 4: International meet, Bassano del Grappa, Italy
Apr 29-May 2: British women's championships, Hawes, Yorkshire
June 4-10: Lariano Triangle, Como, Italy
July 2-4: Scottish Open, Glenshee
July 4-17: European championships, Italy
July 22-30: Swiss Open, Fiesch
Sept 10-13: British National League final, Hawes

HOCKEY

Women

Feb 12-14: All-England indoor championships, Crystal Palace
Mar 19: Tipp-Ex Trophy, England v Spain, Wembley
Apr 16: Scotland v England, Annfield, Stirling
Apr 22-24: All-England club championships, Coventry
Apr 30-May 1: International weekend, Dublin
Aug 29-Sep 4: Under-21 European Cup, Paris

Men

Jan 2-6: Six nations tournament, Barcelona
Jan 23-24: Lada British Cities championship, Alexandra Palace
Jan 29-31: European indoor championship, Vienna
Feb 26: Royal Bank indoor tournament, Crystal Palace
Mar 13: HA Cup final, venue to be announced
Mar 25-Apr 1: Champions Trophy, Lahore
Apr 17: County championship final, Beeston
Apr 23-24: Senior/Junior divisional tournament, Sunderland
Apr 30-May 1: Inter-League championship, Prescot
May 21-22: European Cup final, Holland
Jun 18-19: France v England, Paris
Aug 19-21: Lada Pre-Olympic tournament, Luton
Sep 18-Oct 1: Olympic Games, Seoul

ICE HOCKEY

Mar 17-28: World junior championship, Pool C, Belluno, Italy
Mar 26-Apr 1: European junior championships, Pool B, Gap and Briancon, France
Apr 1-4: Eight-nation under-16 invitation tournament, Tilburg, Netherlands
Apr 23-24: Heineken British championships, Wembley Arena

ICE SKATING

Jan 12-17: European figure championships, Prague
Jan 15-17: Europa Cup (indoor ice speed), Budapest

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Jan 16-17: Women's European speed championships, Kongsberg, Norway
Jan 23-24: Men's European speed championships, The Hague, Netherlands
Jan 29-31: World junior speed championships, Seoul
Feb 6-7: World sprint championships, West Allis, US
Feb 9-11: World indoor speed championships, St Louis, US
Feb 13-28: Winter Olympics, Calgary
Mar 5-6: Men's world speed championships, Medeo, USSR
Mar 12-13: Women's world speed championships, Skien, Norway
Mar 22-27: World figure championships, Budapest
Apr 8-9: British indoor speed championships, Richmond
Nov: British figure and dance championships (provisional)

JUDO

Feb 6-7: National championships and trials for men and women, Crystal Palace
Feb 20-21: Letts Scottish Open, Meadowbank
Mar 5-6: Commonwealth tournament, Antrim
Apr 9-10: British open championships for men and women, Crystal Palace
May 11-14: European championships for men and women, Spain

LACROSSE

Women

Jan 23-24: Territorial championship, St Christoper's school, Letchworth
Feb 13-14: Territorial championship, Sutton Community leisure centre, Merseyside
Mar 13: England v Wales, Welwyn Garden City
Mar 19-20: Clubs' and colleges' tournament, Merton

Men

Mar 26: Southern Counties festival, Buckhurst Hill
Apr 9: South of England six-a-side championship
Apr 16: Avon Insurance North of England Flags final
Apr 23: South of England Flags final, Enfield
May 7: Iroquois Cup final
June 25-July 2: United States Eagles tour, various venues
Sept 17: Wilkinson Sword Trophy

M PENTATHLON

Apr 8-13: Men's international, Aldershot
May 7-8: National triathlon championships, Cardiff
May 27-29: Women's national championships, Wantage
July 22-24: National Senior and Under-20 men's championships, Milton Keynes
Aug 5-10: Women's World championships, Warsaw
Sept 18-23: Olympic Games, Seoul
Oct 1-2: Tetrathlon championships, Somerset
Nov 25-27: National biathlon championships, Dunfermline

MOTOR CYCLING

Grand Prix

Mar 6: Brazil, Goiania
Mar 13: Argentina, Buenos Aires
Mar 27: Japan, Suzuka
April 10: United States, Laguna Seca
Apr 24: Spain, Jarama
May 1: Portugal, Estoril
May 22: Italy, Imola
May 29: Germany, Nurburgring
June 12: Austria, Salzburgring
June 25: Netherlands, Assen
July 3: Belgium, Spa Francorchamps
July 17: Yugoslavia, Rijeka
July 24: France, Paul Ricard
Aug 7: Great Britain, Donington Park
Aug 14: Sweden, Anderstorp
Aug 28: Czechoslovakia, Brno

TT Formula One world championship

May 15: Japan, Sugo
June 4: Great Britain, Isle ofMan
June 23: Netherlands, Assen
July 3: Portugal, Vilareal
July 17: Finland, Kouvala
July 30: Ireland, Dundrod
Sept 4: Italy, Pergusa
Sept 25: Great Britain, Donington Park

Moto-cross

May 29: British 250cc Grand Prix, Streatley Hill, nr Reading
July 10: British 500cc Grand Prix, Hawkstone Park, nr Shrewsbury
Sept 4: World sidecar championship, British round, Farleigh Castle, nr Trowbridge

MOTOR RACING

Formula One world championship

Apr 3: Brazil, Rio de Janeiro
May 1: San Marino, Imola, Italy
May 15: Monaco, Monte Carlo
Jun 19: United States, Detroit
Jul 3: France, Le Castellet
Jul 10: Britain, Silverstone
Jul 24: West Germany, Hockenheim
Aug 7: Hungary, Budapest
Aug 14: Austria, Zeltweg
Aug 28: Belgium, Spa-Francorchamps
Sept 11: Italy, Monza
Sept 25: Portugal, Estoril
Oct 2: Spain, Jerez
Oct 30: Japan, Suzuka
Nov 13: Australia, Adelaide
Reserve: June 12, Canada

NETBALL

Jan 30: Republic of Ireland v England, venue to be announced
Feb 28: England v Northern Ireland, Bracknell
Mar 26-27: Inter-county tournament, Anerley
May 14: National clubs tournament, venue to be announced
Nov 26: England v New Zealand, Wembley

ORIENTEERING

Feb 14: National event, Bentley Wood, nr Nuneaton
Mar 20: Acorn '88 national event, Whitby
Apr 17: BOKTrot national event, Lydney
May 7-8: TSB British championship, Coniston, Lake district
May 21: Scottish championships and national event, Trossachs
Aug 7: National event, Lampeter
Sep 24: National event, Newquay
Oct 9: National event, Eskdale Valley, Whitehaven
Nov 26: British night championships, King's Lynn
Nov 27: National event, Sheringham

POLO

May 28-June 5: Queen's Cup, Windsor
June 9-19: Royal Windsor Cup, Windsor
June 21-26: Warwickshire Cup, Cirencester
June 28-July 17: British open championship, Cowdray Park
July 23-31: Cowdray Park Challenge Cup, Cowdray Park
July 23-Aug 1: Harrison Cup, Cowdray Park
July 24: Cartier International day, Windsor
Aug 4-14: National 15-goal handicap tournament, Cirencester
Aug 12-14: Pony Club championship, Cowdray Park

POWERBOATING

Offshore championships in UK

May 1: Portsmouth
May 29: Swansea
July 2: Southampton
July 17: London to Brighton
July 31: Wirral
Aug 21: Poole to Needles
Aug 28: Ancasta Cowes Classic
Sept 4: Southampton
Sept 9-11: 2-litre European championship, Guernsey
Sept 11: Guernsey
Sept 12-17: Class I and II world championships, Guernsey
Sept 23-25: National finals, Bournemouth
Sept 26-Oct 2: 4-litre world championship, Bournemouth
October: Windermere speed trials

Circuit racing
World Grand Prix series
(Provisional dates)

May 28-29: France, Nantes
May 7-8: Spain, Seville
June 11-12: US, Augusta
June 18-19: GB, Bristol
July 9-10: Sweden, Stockholm
July 30-31: Ireland, Dublin
Aug 13-14: US, St Louis
Sept 17-18: Italy, Milna
Sept 24-25: West Germany, Munich
Nov 12-13: Singapore

RACING

● The recent history of the Derby has been dominated by Henry Cecil, Michael Stoute and Dick Hern, each of whom has trained two winners in the last nine years (Phil McLennan writes). Cecil (Sanquirico) and Hern (Emmson), already have serious contenders for the 1988 running of the premier classic, which will carry guaranteed prize-money of £500,000 for the first time. Stoute has a likely-looking "dark horse" in One From Above, who had his only run in the same Newbury event in which Shergar and Shahrastani, his Epsom victors, made their debuts. One From Above is by the 1978 Derby winner, Shirley Heights, and significantly Slip Anchor (1985), Shahrastani (1986) and Reference Point (1987) were all sired by Derby winners.

Jan 9: The Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle, Leopardstown
Jan 31: Irish Champion Hurdle, Leopardstown
Feb 13: Tote Gold Trophy, Newbury; Vincent O'Brien Gold Cup, Leopardstown
Mar 15: Champion Hurdle, Cheltenham
Mar 16: Queen Mother Champion Chase, Cheltenham
Mar 17: Cheltenham Gold Cup
Mar 26: Lincoln Handicap, Doncaster
Apr 9: Grand National, Aintree
Apr 14: Craven Stakes, Newmarket
Apr 16: Scottish Grand National, Ayr; Irish Grand National, Fairyhouse
Apr 23: Whitbread Gold Cup, Sandown Park
Apr 28: 1,000 Guineas, Newmarket
Apr 30: 2,000 Guineas, Newmarket
May 3: Chester Vase, Chester
May 8: French 2,000 Guineas, Longchamp
May 12: Dante Stakes, York
May 14: Irish 2,000 Guineas, Curragh
May 15: French 1,000 Guineas, Longchamp
May 21: Irish 1,000 Guineas, Curragh
May 27: Point-to-point Championship Final, Towcester
Jun 1: Derby, Epsom
Jun 2: Coronation Cup, Epsom
Jun 4: Oaks, Epsom
Jun 5: French Derby, Chantilly
Jun 12: French Oaks, Chantilly
Jun 14: St James's Palace Stakes, Royal Ascot
Jun 15: Coronation Stakes, Royal Ascot
Jun 16: Gold Cup, Royal Ascot
Jun 17: King's Stand Stakes, Royal Ascot
Jun 25: Irish Derby, Curragh; Northumberland Plate, Newcastle
Jul 2: Eclipse Stakes, Sandown
Jul 7: July Cup, Newmarket
Jul 9: Irish Oaks, Curragh
Jul 23: King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, Ascot
Jul 26: Stewards' Cup, Goodwood
Jul 27: Sussex Stakes, Goodwood
Jul 28: Goodwood Cup, Goodwood
Jul 29: Extel Handicap, Goodwood
Jul 30: Nassau Stakes, Goodwood
Aug 7: Phoenix Park Stakes, Phoenix Park
Aug 16: Matchmaker International Stakes and Yorkshire Oaks, York
Aug 17: Ebor Handicap and Gimcrack Stakes, York
Aug 18: William Hill Sprint Championship, York
Aug 27: Waterford Crystal Mile, Goodwood
Aug 28: Budweiser Million, Woodbine
Sep 3: Vernons Sprint Cup, Haydock Park
Sep 4: Phoenix Champion Stakes, Phoenix Park
Sep 7: Park Hill Stakes, Doncaster
Sep 8: Doncaster Cup, Doncaster
Sep 9: Champagne Stakes, Doncaster
Sep 10: St Leger and Flying Childers Stakes, Doncaster
Sep 16: Ayr Gold Cup, Ayr
Sep 24: Queen Elizabeth II Stakes and Royal Lodge Stakes, Ascot; Irish St Leger, Curragh
Sep 28: Cheveley Park Stakes, Newmarket
Oct 1: Middle Park Stakes and Cambridgeshire Handicap, Newmarket; Cartier Million, Phoenix Park
Oct 2: Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe, Longchamp
Oct 14: Dewhurst Stakes, Newmarket
Oct 15: Champion Stakes and Cesarewitch Handicap, Newmarket
Oct 22: William Hill Futurity, Doncaster
Oct 30: French St Leger, Longchamp
Nov 1: Melbourne Cup, Melbourne
Nov 5: November Handicap, Doncaster; Breeders' Cup, Churchill Downs
Nov 12: Mackeson Gold Cup, Cheltenham
Nov 26: Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup, Newbury
Nov 27: Japan Cup, Tokyo
Dec 10: Glen International Gold Cup, Cheltenham
Dec 17: SGB Chase, Ascot
Dec 26: King George VI Chase, Kempton Park
Dec 27: Top Rank Christmas Hurdle, Kempton; Welsh Grand National, Chepstow

RACKETS

● All events at Queen's Club, West Kensington unless otherwise stated

Jan 8-17: Amateur singles championship
Jan 30: World championship eliminator, first leg
Feb 5-14: Amateur doubles championship
Feb 6: World championship eliminator, second leg
Feb 13-14: Professional singles championship, Halleybury
Feb 27: World championship challenge, first leg, Chicago
Mar 5: World championship challenge, second leg
Mar 5-20: Open singles championship
Mar 23-26: Public Schools doubles championship
Apr 8-17: Open doubles championship

RALLYING

World rally championship

Jan 16-23: Monte Carlo
Feb 4-7: Sweden
Mar 1-6: Portugal
Mar 31-Apr 4: Safari, Kenya
May 1-7: Tour of Corsica
May 29-June 2: Acropolis, Greece
June 23-28: Olympus, Washington State, US
July 9-12: New Zealand (drivers' title only)
Aug 4-7: Argentina
Aug 24-28: 1,000 Lakes, Finland
Sept 19-24: Ivory Coast (drivers' title only)
Oct 9-15: San Remo, Italy
Nov 20-25: Lombard RAC.

REAL TENNIS

Jan 8-10: Professionals' and women's doubles championships, Canford
Mar 12-20: Amateur singles championship, Leamington
May 7-8: Amateur doubles championship, Leamington
May 11-15: Professionals' singles championship, Holyport
May 16-22: World tournament, Hayling Island

ROWING

Mar 12: Women's Head of the River, Barnes to Putney
Mar 15: Schools' Head of the River, Chiswick to Putney
Mar 26: Head of the River, Mortlake to Putney
Apr 2: Oxford v Cambridge Boat Race, Putney to Mortlake
Apr 9: Scullers' Head of the River
May 25-28: Oxford University summer eights
Jun 4-5: Nottingham international regatta, Holme Pierrepont
Jun 8-11: Cambridge University mays (provisional)
Jun 29-Jul 3: Henley Royal Regatta
Jul 15-17: National championships, Holme Pierrepont
Jul 23: Home internationals, Dublin
Aug 1-7: World junior and lightweight championships, Milan
Sep 18-25: Olympic Games.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Jan 9: John Player Special Trophy final, Wigan
Jan 24: Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test, France v Great Britain, Avignon
Jan 30/31: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, first round
Feb 6: Whitbread Trophy Bitter Test, Great Britain v France, venue to be announced
Feb 13/14: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, second round
Feb 27/28: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, third round
Mar 12: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, semi-final
Mar 26: Silk Cut Challenge Cup, semi-final
Apr 30: Silk Cut Challenge Cup final, Wembley
May 15: Stones Bitter Premiership final, Old Trafford
June 11: Australia v Great Britain, Sydney
June 26: Australia v Great Britain, Brisbane
July 9: Australia v Great Britain, Sydney
July 16: New Zealand v Great Britain, Auckland
Sept/Oct: World Cup final, venue to be announced

RUGBY UNION

● England will be well-placed to help Australians celebrate their bicentennial in 1988 because, following this season's Five Nations championship, England make only their second tour to Australia (David Hands writes). They will play eight matches, including two internationals in Brisbane and Sydney, and no doubt some individual players will be asked to stay a week longer to play for the World XV which will meet Australia in Sydney in the Australian Rugby Union's main contribution to the 200th birthday party.

Jan 16: France v England, Paris; Ireland v Scotland, Dublin; France B v England B, Paris
Feb 6: England v Wales, Twickenham; Scotland v France, Edinburgh
Feb 7: France v Italy (venue to be confirmed)
Feb 20: France v Ireland, Paris; Wales v Scotland, Cardiff
Feb 21: Portugal v Netherlands, Lisbon
Mar 4: England B v Italy B, Leicester
Mar 5: Scotland v England, Edinburgh; Ireland v Wales, Dublin
Mar 9: UAU final, Twickenham
Mar 18: England B v Spain, Imber Court
Mar 19: England v Ireland, Twickenham; Wales v France, Cardiff
Mar 20: France B v Scotland B, Dijon; West Germany v Netherlands, Heidelberg
Mar 26: John Player Special Cup, semi-finals; Schweppes Welsh Cup, semi-finals
Mar 26-27: Cathay Pacific/Hong Kong Bank International Sevens
Apr 2: Italy v Romania, Genoa
Apr 2-3: Australian Bicentennial sevens, Sydney
Apr 9: County championship final, Twickenham
Apr 10: Romania v Spain, Bucharest
Apr 15: Belgium v Yugoslavia, Brussels
Apr 16: Ulster Senior Cup final
Apr 17: Netherlands v Yugoslavia, Hilversum; Portugal v West Germany, Lisbon
Apr 24: USSR v Spain, Moscow or Kiev
Apr 30: John Player Special Cup final, Twickenham; Leinster Senior Cup final; Munster Senior Cup final
May 1: Connacht Senior Cup final
May 7: Schweppes Welsh Cup final, Cardiff; Middlesex Sevens finals, Twickenham
May 8: Monte Carlo Sevens, Monaco; Yugoslavia v Portugal, Split
May 15: France v Spain, Merignac
May 22: USSR v France, Moscow or Leningrad
May 28: New Zealand v Wales, Christchurch
May 29: Australia v England, Brisbane
Jun 11: New Zealand v Wales, Auckland
Jun 12: Australia v England, Sydney
Jun 18: Australia v World XV, Sydney
Jun 25: Australia B v New Zealand, Brisbane
May/June: France to tour Argentina/Paraguay, dates to be confirmed
Jul 3: Australia v New Zealand, Sydney
Jul 16: Australia v New Zealand, Brisbane
Jul 30: Australia v New Zealand, Sydney
Oct 2: England B v Australia, venue to be confirmed
Oct: Western Samoa to tour Wales, dates to be confirmed
Nov 5: England v Australia, Twickenham
Nov 19: Scotland v Australia, Edinburgh
Nov 26: Barbarians v Australia
Nov: Wales v Romania, date to be confirmed
Dec 6: Oxford v Cambridge, Twickenham

SHOOTING

May 26-29: International competition, Suhl, East Germany
Apr 2-4: Easter rifle meeting, Bisley
May 11-15: British open sporting championship, Norwich
May 29-30: English XX rifle and pistol '88 meetings, Bisley
Jul 9-23: National Rifle Association meeting, Bisley
Aug 13-20: British smallbore championships, Bisley
Aug 24-29: British pistol championships, Bisley
Sept 12-18: World sporting championship, Hodnet, Shropshire
Sept 18-24: Olympic Games, Seoul
Oct 7-9: British air gun championships, Cardiff

SKIING

World Cup

Jan 5: Bad Weissee, West Germany, men; Megève, France, women
Jan 9-10: Garmisch-Partenkirchen, West Germany, men; Les Diablerets, Switzerland, women
Jan 15-16: Pfronten, West Germany, women
Jan 17: Lenggries, West Germany, women
Jan 16-17: Hahnenkamm races, Kitzbühel, Austria, men
Jan 19: Adelboden, Switzerland, men
Jan 23-24: Lauberhorn races, Wengen, Switzerland, men
Jan 23-24: Badgastein, Austria, women
Jan 30-31: Chamonix-Morzine, France, men; Maribor, Yugoslavia, women
Feb 12-28: Winter Olympic Games, Calgary, Canada
Mar 1: Grouse Mountain, Canada: men
Mar 4-6: Aspen, United States, women
Mar 5: Whistler Mountain, Canada, men
Mar 12-13: Vail-Beaver Creek, United States, men; Rossland, Canada, women
Mar 19-20: Are, Sweden, men
Mar 22: Optal, Norway, men
Mar 24-27: Saalbach, Austria, men and women

British events

Jan 20-Feb 2: British nordic and biathlon championships, Zwiesel, West Germany
Apr 11-15: British alpine championships, Alpe d'Huez, France
Apr 16-20: British free-style championships, Savoie, France

SNOOKER

Jan 1-10: Mercantile Credit classic, Blackpool
Jan 24-31: Benson and Hedges Masters, Wembley
Feb 21-Mar 6: MIM Britannia Unit Trust British open, Derby
Mar 16-19: Fersina Windows World Cup, Bournemouth
Mar 22-27: Benson and Hedges Irish masters, Goffs, Kildare
Mar 22-Apr 2: Embassy World professional championship, Preliminary rounds, Preston
Apr 16-May 2: Embassy World professional championship, Sheffield
Aug 13-20: Daily Mirror/Pontins Junior home internationals, Norwich
Nov 14-25 (provisional): World amateur championship, Sydney, Australia

SQUASH

Jan 2-5: Nat West British under-19 Open, Lambs SRC, London
Jan 2-7: Abbey National Women's under-16 and under-19 championships, Gloucester
Jan 3-7: Jersey International
Jan 8-10: Home internationals, Edinburgh
Jan 16-22: Blue Stratos Sport British under-23 Open, Lambs SRC, London
Feb 26-28: Scottish Open, Edinburgh
Mar 18-21: European championships, Warmond, Netherlands
Mar 23-26: European team championships, Amsterdam
Mar 28-Apr 14: World junior men's championship, Edinburgh
Apr 3-8: Cannons Club International, London
Apr 10-12: Hi-Tec British Open championships, qualifying, Wembley Squash Centre
Apr 13-18: Hi-Tec British Open championships, Wembley Conference Centre
Apr 30-May 1: Excel national club championship finals, Telford
May 7-8: British women's open doubles championship, venue to be announced
May 10-13: World open championships, Amsterdam
May 14-15: American Express Premier League play-off finals, Telford
June 3-13: Dunlop Champion of Champions
Oct 7-10: Blue Stratos Sport under-23 closed championship, venue to be announced
Oct 25-Dec 1: InterCity national championships, Bristol
Dec 9-12: London Standard British doubles championship, Cannons, London

SWIMMING

Feb 5-7: Coca Cola International, Paris
Feb 9-10: NOK Meet, East Berlin
Feb 12-14: Arena International, Bolin
Apr 2-4: Diana International, Southend
Apr 15-17: EEC Club championships, Luxembourg
Apr 30-May 2: Speedo International, Cardiff
May 28-30: Monk International, Leeds
July 8-10: Speedo International, Amersfoort, Netherlands
July 27-31: ASA championships, Leeds
July 28-31: European junior championships, Amersfoort, Netherlands
Aug 1-6: National age group championships, Blackpool
Sept 11: Speedo League Cup final, Crystal Palace
Oct 9-15: World Masters, Brisbane
Oct 14-16: ASA Masters, Oxford
Oct 28-29: National schools championships, Southampton
Nov 4-5: British Masters, Dundee
Nov 15-20: ASA short course championships, Plymouth
Dec 9-10: European Cup, Edinburgh

TABLE TENNIS

Jan 16-17: Europe v Asia individual championships, Thornaby
Jan 20-23: Leeds English Open, Brighton
Jan 25: European League: England v Denmark, Burton-on-Trent
Feb 12-14: European Top 12, Ljubjana, Yugoslavia
Feb 24: European League: Belgium v England
Feb 26-28: Leeds National championships, Crawley
Mar 2: European League: England v Netherlands
Mar 19-27: European championships, Paris

TENNIS

● Ivan Lendl, whose leading challengers have failed to close on him, could achieve a grand slam in 1988: particularly as the Australian championships will be played on hard courts rather than grass (Rex Bellamy writes). His big test should be Wimbledon, where he has twice been runner-up. Steffi Graf may decisively take over from Martina Navratilova as the leading woman. Again, Wimbledon may be the most difficult hurdle. The centenary of Britain's LTA will coincide with the 20th anniversary of open competition (introduced at Bournemouth).

Jan 11-24: Australian championships, Melbourne
March 14-27: Players' international championships, Key Biscayne
March 29-April 2: WCT finals, Dallas
May 16-22: World Team Cup, Düsseldorf
May 23-June 5: French championships, Paris
June 6-12: Men's tournament, Queen's Club; women's tournament, Birmingham
June 13-19: Men's tournament, Bristol; women's tournament, Eastbourne
June 20-July 3: Wimbledon
Aug 30-Sep 11: US championships, New York
Sep 20-29: Olympic tournament, Seoul
Oct 24-30: Women's tournament, Brighton
Oct 31-Nov 6: European Community Championship, Antwerp
Nov 3-5: Wightman Cup, Albert Hall
Nov 8-13: Men's tournament, Wembley
Nov 14-20: Virginia Slims championships, New York
Nov 21-27: British national championships, Queen's Club
Nov 30-Dec 5: Masters, New York
Dec 4-11: Federation Cup, Melbourne
Dec 7-11: Masters doubles, Albert Hall
Dec 16-18: Davis Cup final

TRAMPOLINING

Apr 2: Four-team tournament, Zuoz, Switzerland
May 12-14: World championships, Birmingham, Alabama, US
May 28: Dobrovolski Cup, Odessa, USSR
July 2: British national age groups, venue to be announced
July 16: British championships, Dewsbury
Nov: Hermesetas World Cup, venue and date to be announced

VOLLEYBALL

Jan 1-3: International Women's tournament, Alexandra Pavilion
Mar 12-13: Royal Bank National Cup finals, Crystal Palace
Apr 1-3: Women's international, Portsmouth
Apr 23-24: Kestours Cup finals, Hemel Hempstead
Apr 23-30: Spring Cup: Women, Athens; Men, Gothenburg
May 21-22: Nat West NVL Supercup, Manchester Universit;
July 2-3: Sandwell Tournament
July 10-11: Sale Anglo-Scottish tournament
July 21-23: Royal Bank Men's internationals
Dec 17-18: Holiday Inn Senior women's tournament, Luxembourg

WATER-SKIING

Feb 5-14: World racing championships, Sydney
July 16-17: British national championships, venue to be announced
Aug 4-7: European barefoot championships, France
Aug 20-21: Austrian Masters
Sept 3-4: European championships, Kirtons Farm, Reading
Sept 3-4: European barefoot challenge finals, Austria
Sept 17-18: British all regions barefoot championships, White Rose, Elland
Nov 28-Dec 4: World barefoot championships, Melbourne

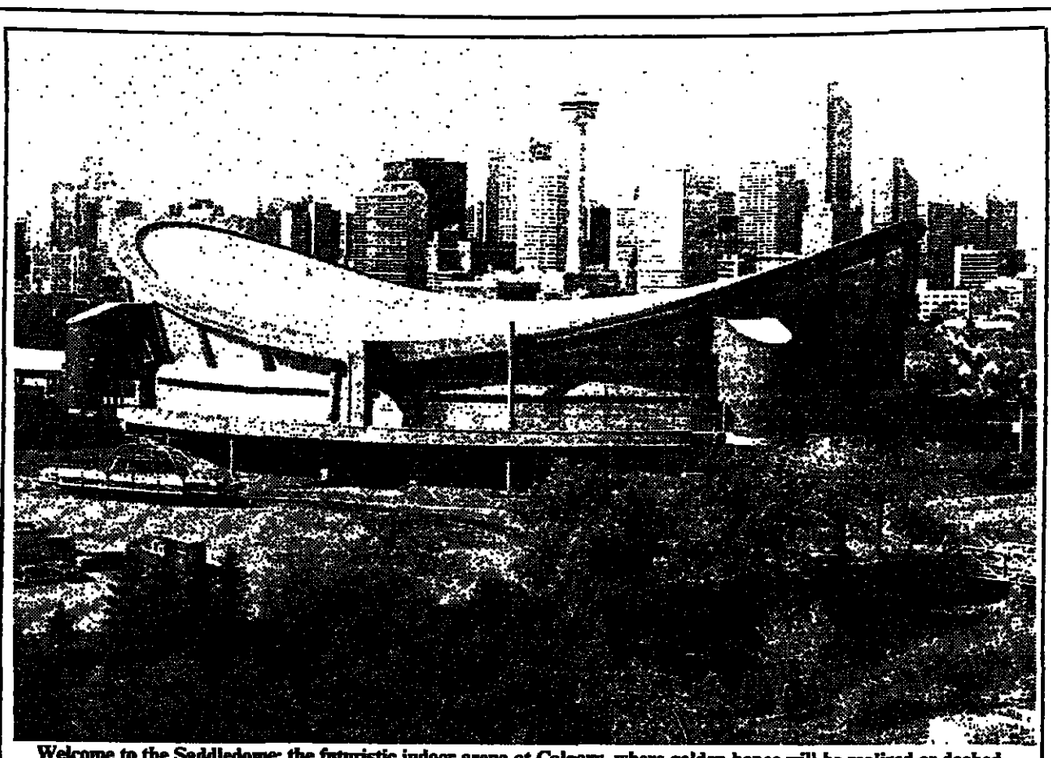
WEIGHTLIFTING

Mar 11-13: Pannonia tournament, Budapest
Apr 2-3: EEC championships, Maastricht
Apr 24-30: European senior championships, Cardiff
May 19-29: World and European junior championships, Athens
Jun 05: British Masters, Bisham Abbey
Jun 16-19: Women's European championships, San Manno
Jul 9: British senior championships, Edinburgh
Aug: British women's championships, Manchester
Sep 18-29: Olympic Games, Seoul
Nov 19: IWF Super heavyweight challenge, Brisbane
Dec 17: IWF World Cup gala, Athens

YACHTING

May 12-15: Lymington Cup
June 3: RORC De Guingand Bowl offshore race
June 3-13: Weymouth Olympic Week
June 25: Round the Island race, Cowes
July 25-31: Prince of Wales Cup, Parkstone
July 30-Aug 7: Cowes Week
July 30-Aug 13: Kenwood Cup, Hawaii
July 31-Aug 12: Flying Fifteen world championship, Lowestoft
Aug 27-30: National board sailing championships, first division, Weymouth
Aug 27-Sept 2: Laser world championship, Falmouth
Sept: Americas Cup, San Diego (provisional)
Sept 17-Oct 2: Olympic games, Pusan
Oct 15-21: World sailing speed record championship, Portland
Oct 21-23: *The Times*/James Capel Crewsearch finals, RORC, Hamble

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Welcome to the Saddledome: the futuristic indoor arena at Calgary, where golden hopes will be realized or dashed

Local hero a man to watch

By John Hennessy

Unless Canada should happen to reach the ice hockey final, the most passionate moment of the Winter Olympics in Calgary is almost certain to occur at about 8 p.m. local time in a throbbing Saddledome stadium on February 20.

A gold medal for the host nation is strongly on the cards in Alpine skiing, where a "Crazy Canuck", either male or female, could win a gold medal in the downhill. But that will take place at Nakiska, an hour's drive from the spiritual centre of the whole occasion. Most of the 18,000 in the Saddledome on February 20 will be baying, with patriotic fervour, for Brian Orser to repeat his victory in the world championships at Cincinnati last March. Also on that occasion he kicked what was dangerously becoming a habit, that of finishing second. He had fallen at the last gasp to Alexander Fadeyev, of the Soviet Union, in 1985, and to Brian Boitano, of the United States in 1986. He was gaining the unenviable reputation of being a choker.

All three are in the running again, all three capable of producing dazzling technical feats, including this season perhaps the elusive first quadruple jumping competition. All three suffer correspondingly in presentation, having had to devote so much time to the athletic side of the sport, and there would be some spectators who will yearn for the John Curry of 1976.

But for this Canadian audience winning, or losing, is all and there will be a tidal wave of nationalistic support for Orser that could carry him to the title, so long as he has completely exorcised the devil that has clutched at his throat in the past.

If not, he could be overwhelmed by the hysteria of the occasion. Either way it should be quite a night. The same arena could see Britain's best performance in the Games. Unless our bobsleigh team can get their act together, Joanne Conway, for all her tender 16 years, could emerge as top Briton. She was tenth in the women's skating championship, in Cincinnati, an outstanding achievement for one so young.

CALGARY OLYMPIC PROGRAMME

Feb 13: Opening ceremony; ice hockey
Feb 14: Luge, men's first and second runs; ski-jumping, 70m; figure skating, pairs short programme; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's downhill; speed skating, men's 500m; cross-country skiing, women's 10km; curling, round robin
Feb 15: Luge, men's third and fourth runs; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's combined downhill; cross-country skiing, men's 30km; curling, round robin
Feb 16: Luge, women's first and second runs; figure skating, pairs free; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's combined slalom; curling, round robin
Feb 17: Luge, women's third and fourth runs; ski-jumping, team 90m; figure skating, men's compulsory; ice hockey; speed skating, men's 5,000m; cross-country, women's 5km; curling, round robin; disabled skiing, cross-country 5km
Feb 18: Figure skating, men's short programme; ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's downhill; speed skating, men's 1,000m
Feb 19: Luge, doubles first and second runs; ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's combined downhill; cross-country, men's 15km; curling, semi-finals
Feb 20: Bobsleigh, two-man; ski-jumping, 90m; figure skating, men's free; ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's combined slalom; speed skating, men's 1,500m; biathlon, men's 20km; curling, finals
Feb 21: Bobsleigh, two-man; figure skating, compulsory dance; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's super giant slalom; speed skating, men's 10,000m; cross-country, women's 4 x 5km relay; freestyle skiing, aerials; disabled skiing, giant slalom
Feb 22: Figure skating, original set pattern dance; ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's super giant slalom; speed skating, women's 500m; cross-country, men's 4 x 10km relay; freestyle skiing, moguls; speed skating, short track
Feb 23: Nordic combined, team 70m jump; figure skating, free dance; ice hockey; speed skating, women's 3,000m; biathlon, men's 10km; speed skating, short track
Feb 24: Nordic combined, team 3 x 10km relay; figure skating, women's compulsory; ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's giant slalom; speed skating, short track
Feb 25: Figure skating, women's short programme; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's giant slalom; cross-country, women's 20km; freestyle skiing, ballet; speed skating, short track
Feb 26: Ice hockey; alpine skiing, women's slalom; speed skating, women's 1,000m; biathlon, 4 x 7.5km relay
Feb 27: Bobsleigh, four-man; nordic combined, 70m jump; figure skating, women's free; ice hockey; alpine skiing, men's slalom; speed skating, women's 1,500m; cross-country, men's 50km
Feb 28: Bobsleigh, four-man; nordic combined, 15km; figure skating, exhibition; ice hockey; speed skating, women's 5,000m; closing ceremony

England ready for the final charge

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

The eight nations who will compete for the European title will form the strongest field that has ever been assembled in the 28-year history of the event. It includes all of the previous winners except Czechoslovakia, who beat West Germany on penalties in 1976, and the current holders, France.

West Germany, hosts for the first time, were excused from the need to qualify. Denmark, England, Italy, the Republic of Ireland, the Soviet Union and Spain all earned the right to join them and so eventually did the Netherlands, in spite of the misbehaviour of their supporters.

The Germans are the favourites, and not only because they are at home. Their international record over the last two decades is second to none. Crowned as the kings of Europe in 1972 and 1980, they were the champions of the world in 1974 and have been beaten finalists in the last two World Cups.

They have been seeded first in the draw, which is to take place in Dusseldorf on January 12, and will head one of the two groups of four countries. The other will be led by the second seeds, England, who remained unbeaten during the qualifying series.

By finishing as one of the top two teams in their group, England are expected to reach the semi-finals for only the second time. Twenty years ago, in the tournament held in Italy, they were beaten at that stage by Yugoslavia, who went on to lose to the hosts in a replay.

Respected observers such as Diego Maradona, Argentina's captain who is playing in the Italian League, and Terry Venables, Barcelona's former manager now in charge at Tottenham Hotspur, believe that England could win their first trophy on foreign soil. Bobby Robson, too, is optimistic about the prospects for his own side.

Yet he respects the qualities of his team's seven rivals, which range from the traditional defensive security of the Italians to the unlabibited attacking fluency of the Danes. Even the Republic of Ireland, managed by Jack Charlton and regarded as the outsiders, are unlikely to be easily overcome.

England have recently had away victories over Spain, the European champions in 1964 and the runners-up in 1984, and the Soviet Union, the winners of the inaugural tournament. Robson's team are to stay at home to test themselves against The Netherlands.

'New' cars registered by dealer

Regina v Anderson

Before Lord Justice Woolf, Mr Justice Waterhouse and Mr Justice French

[Judgment December 21]

Where a motor dealer had applied the description "new" to motor cars registered previously in the name of the appellant's company, it was a matter for a jury to decide whether a false trade description had been applied although it was not disputed that the cars concerned had been sold in new, mint condition and with low delivery mileage only.

The Court of Appeal so held when dismissing an appeal by Kenneth Anderson, managing director of the North Kent Motor Company, against his conviction at Maidstone Crown Court on November 17, 1986 of ten counts of either applying a false trade description or of supplying goods to which a false trade description had been applied, contrary to section 1 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968.

Mr Anderson had been fined £300 on each of 12 counts and had been ordered to pay £5,000 towards prosecution costs. He had been acquitted of four further similar counts. Leave to appeal against sentence was refused.

Section 1 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 provides: "(1) Any person who in the course of a trade or business (a) applies a false trade description to any goods; or (b) supplies or offers to supply any goods to which a false trade description is applied; shall . . . be guilty of an offence . . .".

Section 2 provides: "(1) A trade description is an indication direct or indirect, and by whatever means given, of any of the following matters with respect to goods or parts of goods . . . (j) other history, including previous ownership or use."

Section 3 provides: "(1) A false trade description is a trade description which is false to a material degree.

"(2) A trade description which, though not false, is misleading, that is to say, likely to be taken for such an indication of any of the matters specified in section 2 of this Act as would be false to a material degree, shall be deemed to be a false trade description."

Mr F. Ashe Lincoln, QC and Mr Surindra Popat for the appellant; Mr David Fish for the London Borough of Bexley.

MR JUSTICE WATERHOUSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant's company dealt in motor cars on a large scale and held the franchise, in its area, for Nissan, one of the major Japanese motor manufacturers.

Nissan, like other Japanese motor manufacturers, was restricted to a percentage quota of the United Kingdom market. By an agreement between the Japanese and British governments the total Japanese allocation was 11 per cent.

Nissan's own share of that allocation was based on the number of new Nissan motor vehicles registered in the relevant period. If Nissan were not to meet its full quota in any one year a percentage equivalent to the shortfall would be allocated to one or more of the other Japanese motor manufacturers in the following year.

Another factor of importance was that the list of the ten best selling cars was compiled on the basis of the number of cars of a particular make and model registered in a particular period.

For those reasons Nissan had required its dealers to register a certain number of cars in the dealers' names before any retail sale had taken place, in return for that they received bonus payments.

The appellant's company had sold in December 1984 three motor cars to which the description "new" or "new vehicle price" had been applied. The first of those vehicles was registered on August 31, 1984 and the other two on September 28, 1984, in the company's name.

It had been contended on behalf of the prosecutor that the use of the word "new" indicated that the cars had had no previous registered keepers. The essence of the prosecution case was that each of the purchasers had been led to believe that he was buying a new car of which he was the first registered keeper.

The appellant contended that the word "new" did not carry any indication regarding the registration position. Reliance had also been placed on the fact that the Customs and Excise had not regarded registration of a motor vehicle, nor the fact that it had been used to the extent of delivery mileage, as sufficient to convert an unused car into a used car for the purpose of the imposition of VAT.

It was common ground at the trial that each of the motor cars concerned was in new mint condition with very low delivery mileage only on the odometer.

Their Lordships took the view that the trial judge was correct in ruling that, in this particular case, it was open to the jury to find that the word "new", in the context in which it was used, carried the indication alleged by the prosecutor, namely that the cars had not had any previous registered keepers.

Having regard to the wide definition of a false trade description in section 3 of the Trade Descriptions Act 1968 it would not have been appropriate for him to have ruled otherwise.

The appeal raised an issue of importance to motor dealers generally and it was emphasized that the decision of the Court of Appeal had rested to a substantial extent on the evidence in the case.

The practice of registering motor vehicles in the dealers' names merely to inflate manufacturers' sales figures might, however, have disadvantageous results from a customer's point of view and dealers would be wise to make it clear to purchasers when vehicles had been dealt with in that way.

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Intrinsic nature of accessories

Hadley v Texas Homecare Ltd
Evans v Texas Homecare Ltd
Salisbury District Council v RMC Homecare (South) Ltd
Norton v Wickes Building Supplies Ltd
Rochford District Council v Texas Homecare Ltd
Luton Borough Council v Texas Homecare Ltd
Paul Madeley Ltd v Leeds City Council
Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council v W. H Smith Do-It-All Ltd

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Mann

[Judgment December 21]

For the purposes of the Fifth Schedule to the Shops Act 1950, listing the items which might be sold by a shop on Sundays, the following items were not motor accessories: abrasive pads, brush cleaner, ceramic tiles, creosote, curtain railing, emulsion paint, electrical cable and electrical boxes, fluorescent tubes, gloss paint, laminated wood, paint brushes plaster board, plumbing fittings, radiators and fittings, roofing felt, timber, tiles, wallpaper, watering cans, white spirit and varnish.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in allowing appeals, concerning offences contrary to sections 47 and 59(1) of the 1950 Act, by Ipswich Borough Council against the acquittal of Texas Homecare Ltd by the Ipswich Justices, by Luton Borough Council against the acquittal of Texas Homecare Ltd by the Luton Justices, by Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council against the acquittal of Texas Homecare Ltd, by Salisbury District Council against the acquittal of RMC Homecare (South) Ltd by the Salisbury Justices, by Rotherham Borough Council against the acquittal of Wickes Building Supplies Ltd by Rotherham Justices, by Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council against the acquittal of W H Smith Do-It-All Ltd by the South Tameside Justices, by Rochford District Council against the acquittal of Texas Homecare Ltd by the Rochford Justices and remitting the cases with a direction to convict. The court also dismissed an appeal by Paul Madeley Ltd against his conviction for a similar offence by the Leeds Justices.

Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Robin Campbell for Sandwell; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Nigel Pleming for Ipswich; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Richard Egleton for Salisbury; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Harry Sales for Rotherham; Mr Nicholas Ainley for Rochford; Mr Michael Beloff, QC and Mr Nigel Pleming for Luton; Mr Michael Burke-Gaffney, QC and Mr David Hughes for Texas Homecare; Mr Peter Crawford, QC and Mr David Richardson for RMC Homecare (South) Ltd; Mr Andrew Collins, QC and Mr Mark Warwick for Wickes Building Supplies; Mr Keith Knight for Paul Madeley Ltd; Mr Timothy Straker for Leeds.

MR JUSTICE MANN said that the argument for the defendants before the justices was that as a matter of fact all of the items listed were capable of being motor accessories in that evidence was led to the effect that such items were on occassion so used.

Most of them were so used in the furbishing and fitting out of motor caravans while a watering can was used for the filling of car radiators. On that argument in seven cases the defendants succeeded.

It was common ground before the court that the use to which a particular purchaser was to put an item was an irrelevant consideration. That had to be so for otherwise a retailer's liability would depend upon his customer's unknown intention. That said there was no other common ground.

The councils submitted that the purpose to which items could be put was irrelevant and that what was decisive was what was described as the "intrinsic nature" of the items. The intrinsic nature of the items was not, it was argued, that of motor accessories.

After considering the authorities his Lordship said that he agreed with the submission that there was a difference between asserting that an object could be used as a motor accessory and that an object was a motor accessory.

A woman's stocking could serve as a fan belt but no one using language with its ordinary and natural meaning would regard a hosiery counter as selling motor accessories.

Justices must ask themselves whether in the ordinary and natural use of language an item was capable of being described as a motor supply or accessory. About some items they might feel doubt as with for example a chamois leather and torch.

In such cases they must afford the benefit of the doubt to the defendant.

In reaching their conclusion the justices did not need evidence as to capacity. It was irrelevant. They needed only a knowledge of our language.

That language did not permit ceramic tiles, wallpaper or any of the other items in the eight cases to be described as as a motor supply or accessory. So to hold was perverse, using that word in its legal and not pejorative sense.

That conclusion as to the test to be applied was supported by the judgment of Lord Goddard in *Newberry v Cohen's (Smoked Salmon) Ltd* ((1956) 53 LGR 343, 345) where he asked not whether a raw kipper was capable of being a meal but whether a raw kipper was a meal.

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RACING: TINKLER'S PROGRESSIVE SIX-YEAR-OLD TO TAKE SUCCESSFUL STEP UP FROM HANDICAP COMPANY IN CHELTENHAM'S LISTED SPA HURDLE

Swingit Gunner can enhance his Champion Hurdle claims

By Mandarin

Colin Tinkler's rising young star Swingit Gunner faces his toughest test to date in today's competitive Spa Hurdle at Cheltenham, but the progressive six-year-old is napped to keep his unbeaten record this season intact.

Swingit Gunner, as low as 16-1 in some bookmakers' lists for the Champion Hurdle, came to prominence with a fine Flat campaign which included four victories, culminating in a resolute success in the William Hill November Handicap at Doncaster.

This versatile performer continued the good work with two facile handicap hurdle wins, at Ayr and Sandown Park, but now Tinkler has upgraded Swingit Gunner in today's 2½-mile conditions event.

The strong opposition includes Josh Gifford's Saffron Lord, whose five-length Ascot second to Osric was made to look even better when the Mick Ryan-trained four-year-old sprinted clear of a formidable field in the Top Rank Christmas Hurdle at Kempton Park on Monday.

Martin Pipe won the Spa Hurdle a year ago with Cats Eyes and now relies on Corporal Clinger rather than Sabin Du Loir.

Corporal Clinger, who will have his ninth birthday tomorrow, makes his seasonal debut here. His best performances last season were a neck runner-up to Derrymore Boy in the Sean P Graham Memorial Hurdle at Leopardstown and a fluent success over Robin Wonder in the National Spirit Challenge Trophy at Fontwell Park in February.

Old favourite Gaye Brief was surprisingly beaten by String Player in the West Midlands Hurdle at Wolverhampton last month and is not the force he was. I am confident Swingit Gunner can continue his victory march to Cheltenham.

No matter how Saffron Lord fares, Gifford should start the meeting on a high note with Jim Joel's Ballyhane in the Gloucestershire Gipsies Cricket Club Novices' Chase.

The former point-to-pointer captured two novice chases at Sandown before giving Bonanza Boy a good struggle at Ascot recently and should pick up the winning thread again at the expense of the consistent Pucks Place.

David Nicholson's Cottage Rua has a good record at Cheltenham and can gain his third victory in a row in the Andy Stovold Benefit Year Handicap Chase.

Significantly, my selection beat today's rival Panto Prince by 2½ lengths when they met at Newbury last month and is now only 1lb worse off.

Oliver Sherwood has elected to run Numerate in the Cleeve Hill Handicap Chase rather than at Leicester, but preference is for the Tim Forster-trained Clara Mountain, who was an impressive Sandown winner before his Lingfield third.

Fulke Walwyn's Hill's Pageant came up against the promising Cheltenham hope Away We Go at Ascot last time out and has nothing of that calibre to fear in today's Gloucestershire CCC Novices' Hurdle.

High Performance, from Fred Winter's stable, showed signs of returning to peak form when a close third behind Royal Gossip at Towcester earlier this month and may be good enough to repel another Lambourn challenger, Voyant, in the three-mile Ernest Robinson Handicap Hurdle.

At Leicester, Luke Harvey has struck up a fine partnership with Treyford and the combination look set to complete a treble in the Leicestershire Silver Fox Handicap Chase.

Gordon Richards can saddle a double at Catterick Bridge with Pacific Sound (2.15) and Border Rambler (2.45).

Brittany Boy deal collapses

Colin Tinkler senior has given up hope of buying the Irish Grand National winner Brittany Boy.

Tinkler, who has £100,000 available to buy an Aintree horse for the Full Circle syndicate, called the deal off after Brittany Boy's owner failed to call him on Tuesday night.

He revealed that the deal could have been worth almost £250,000. "We were prepared to pay £100,000 up front and £100,000 if the horse won the National. On top of that, we would have compensated the trainer."

Tinkler added: "I was disappointed that none of Brittany Boy's connections telephoned, as they had invited me over to Ireland to watch the horse run at Leopardstown and discuss a possible deal."

Kelvin Hitchmough, who trains Brittany Boy, said: "As far as I'm concerned, and the owner agrees, the horse is not for sale."

Tinkler, whose The Ellier finished seventh in last season's National, plans to continue his search for a runner in next April's National. "I have my eye on one or two others, and I'm sure we'll find something suitable in due course."

Armytage ends her amateur career with rousing flourish

Gee Armytage, on her final day riding as an amateur, signed off with a spectacular winner when she conjured up a tremendous finish from 12-year-old Silent Echo to win the Blackmore Amateur Riders' Handicap Chase at Warwick yesterday.

It was the 40th winner for the daughter of East Ilsley trainer Roddy Armytage, who has her first rides as a professional at Leicester today.

She gained her first success on Applante at Southwell at the age of 16, six years ago.

Her brother Marcus was on the 7-4 favourite Latin American who, though tying up, was still ahead at the last fence where Miss Armytage appeared as though she would be lucky to run into a place on Silent Echo.

But she roused Silent Echo to such good purpose that he fairly sprinted through the mud to win by threequarters of a length from Lanacre Bridge.

"It was seeing Marcus out in front that gave me the inspiration. I was not going to let him beat me," the winning rider said.

Silent Echo was an appropriate winner, for the gelding belongs to Alan Blackmore, whose son Michael died as a result of a fall at Market Rasen last year, and in whose memory the race was staged.



Gee Armytage: spectacular finish on Silent Echo

There was a Flat racing flavour about the 9-4 victory of Bespoke, who gave leading conditional rider Carl Llewellyn his 23rd success of the season in the Jacob Marley Novices' Chase.

Bespoke, who has now won on the Flat and over hurdles and fences, was bred by Shelagh Hern, whose husband Dick trains for The Queen. She runs the six-year-old chesnut in partnership with two friends.

Bespoke was on the heels of Scale The Heights when he took over from pace-making Swift Guide at the sixth fence. He got to the front on the home turn and jumped the last two fences in good style to draw 10 lengths clear of Flag Of Truce, who kept the favourite, Dictalino, out of second place by threequarters of length.

Josh Gifford extended his lead at the top of the Fontwell trainers' list with a double through Persian Style and Pragada at the West Sussex course yesterday.

Persian Style finished well behind Triumph Hurdle prospect South Parade at Lingfield Park last time but was a comfortable 10-length winner this time.

Owner Peter Hopkins, currently sunning himself in Antigua, bought the horse at the Newmarket Sales. "He's definitely got ability," said Gifford. "But he'll have to improve a lot before we consider sending him to Cheltenham."

Carlisle doubt

Tomorrow's meeting at Carlisle is in doubt following heavy rain. Parts of the course are waterlogged and the stewards were due to inspect the track at 7.30am today.

CHELTENHAM

Selections

By Mandarin

12.45 Ballyhane. 1.20 Cottage Run. 1.55 SWINGIT GUNNER (nap). | 2.30 Clara Mountain. 3.05 High Performance. 3.40 Hill's Pageant.

By Michael Seely

12.45 Ballyhane. 1.55 Swingit Gunner. 3.40 HILL'S PAGEANT (nap).

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.40 HILL'S PAGEANT.

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good to soft

12.45 GLOUCESTERSHIRE GIPSIES CRICKET CUP NOVICES CHASE (£3,869: 3m 1f) (8 runners)

101	210-112	BALLYHANE 12 (G,S) (H Joel) J Gifford 6-11-8	R Rowe	99
102	U11223	PUCKS PLACE 27 (G) (J Baltrage) N Gasslee 6-11-4	P Scudamore	85
103	0F20-30	COMPTON PARK 37 (G) (Lord Vestey) J King 6-11-0	S Sherwood	—
104	P2U-F00	FLYING-X-RAY 9 (A Holmes) R Manning 8-11-0	P Hobbs	87
105	0-F132F	LORDY BOY 10 (S) (D Sanger) D Nicholson 8-11-0	R Dunwoody	80
106	B/P04	SEVERN SOLITAIRE 5 (A Salt) K Wingrove 8-11-0	W Worthington	—
107	0F1/000-	SHEER STEEL 325 (S) (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) P Cundell 7-11-0	P Dever	—
109	0-P	O CATINA 12 (National Pig Development) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-9	D Browne	—

BETTING: 4-5 Ballyhane, 7-2 Pucks Place, 6-1 Compton Park, 8-1 Lordy Boy, 10-1 Sheer Steel.

1986: KILDIMO 6-11-0 G Bradley (5-2) G Balding 6 ran

FORM BALLYHANE (11-8) 4l 2nd to Bonanza Boy (11-8) at Ascot (2m 4f, £5921, good to soft, Dec 19, 7 ran). PUCKS PLACE (11-4) 4½l 3rd to Button Your Lip (10-12) at Sandown (3m 119yd, £3179, good, Dec 4, 9 ran). COMPTON PARK (10-12) 6th lost touch 3 from home beaten 35l by Lor Moss (10-5) at Wolverhampton (2m 4f, £1716, soft, Nov 24, 12 ran). LORDY BOY (11-11) best judged on 6½l 3rd to Farmlea Boy (11-8) at Huntingdon (2m 4f, £1692, good to soft, Dec 1, 14 ran).

Selection: BALLYHANE

1.20 ANDY STOVOLD BENEFIT YEAR HANDICAP CHASE (£3,913: 2m) (4 runners)

202	11-1221	PANTO PRINCE 12 (D,G,S) (Mrs L Warren) C Popham 6-12-4 (5ex)	K Mooney	91
203	P0-2F11	COTTAGE RUN 19 (CD,G,S) (Mrs M Rogers) D Nicholson 7-11-5 (5ex)	R Dunwoody	93
204	F32-300	PADDYBORO 13 (D,F,G,S) (Capt F Tyrwhitt-Drake) J Gifford 9-10-10	R Rowe	99
205	P0-1133	WARNER FOR LEISURE 12 (D,F,G,S) (Terry Warner Sports) P Hobbs 9-10-5	P Hobbs	98

BETTING: 10-11 Cottage Run, 7-4 Panto Prince, 6-1 Warner For Leisure, 8-1 Paddyboro.

1986: (2m nov) COTTAGE RUN 7-11-4 R Dunwoody (1-4 fav) D Nicholson 2 ran

FORM PANTO PRINCE ran on well to beat Long Engagement (11-4) 5l at Ascot (2m, £7468, good to soft, Dec 19, 9 ran) with WARNER FOR LEISURE (10-1) another neck behind 3rd.
COTTAGE RUN (11-12) easily beat Legal Aid (10-0) 7l here (2m, £4331, good, Dec 12,5 ran).
Earlier COTTAGE RUN (10-10) ridden out to win by 2½l from PANTO PRINCE (11-10) at Newbury (2m, £3557, good, Nov 28, 5 ran).
PADDYBORO (11-10) 23l 5th to Mr Kay (10-9) at Lingfield (2m, £1921, heavy, Dec 18, 7 ran).

Selection: COTTAGE RUN

1.55 SPA HURDLE (Listed Race: £2,991: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

303	F/F2F10-	CORPORAL CLINGER 289 (CD,F,G,S) (Jay Dee Racing Ltd) M Pipe 8-11-8	P Scudamore	95
305	2F01-12	SAFFRON LORD 12 (C,D,BF,F,G,S) (J Holmes) J Gifford 5-11-4	R Rowe	89
308	2F23-22	GAYE BRIEF 52 (D,BF,F,G,S) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) Mrs M Rimell 10-11-0	D Browne	99
309	U00/000-	JAMESMEAD 292 (S) (D Allen) D Elsworth 5-11-0	R Arnott	82
312	1310/11	SWINGIT GUNNER 28 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs G Barnes) C Tinkler 5-11-0	N Doughty	98

BETTING: 6-4 Swingit Gunner, 5-2 Gaye Brief, 4-1 Saffron Lord, 8-1 Jamesmead, 10-1 Corporal Clinger.

1986: CATS EYES 6-11-0 P Leach (3-1) M Pipe 6 ran

FORM CORPORAL CLINGER latest finished 11th in the Champion Hurdle behind See You Then; earlier (11-9) won in good style by 5l from Robin Wonder (11-2) at Fontwell (2m 2f, £4698, good, Feb 23, 7 ran).
SAFFRON LORD good effort (11-4) when 2nd to the improving Osric (10-8) to 5l at Ascot (2m, £5254, good to soft, Dec 19, 7 ran).
GAYE BRIEF, not the force he was, (11-10) went down by 2½l to String Player (11-5) at Wolverhampton last time (2m 6f 110yd, £2603, good, Nov 9, 4 ran).
SWINGIT GUNNER on the upgrade: last time (11-8) in Sandown handicap (2m 5f 75yd, £3553, good, Dec 5, 12 ran) beat First Romance (10-1) 7l.

Selection: SAFFRON LORD

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TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
F Walwyn	14	63	22.2
O Sherwood	10	46	21.7
P Hobbs	3	14	21.4
F Winter	19	102	18.6
G Balding	14	81	17.3
M Pipe	10	66	15.2

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Sherwood	14	80	17.5
P Scudamore	22	153	14.4
K Mooney	7	53	13.2
P Hobbs	3	25	12.0
R Beggan	6	53	11.3

Only qualifiers

2.30 CLEEVE HILL HANDICAP CHASE (£4,432: 2m 4f) (6 runners)

401	432624-	MR MOONRAKER 253 (CD,G,S) (Mrs P Blackburn) P Hobbs 10-11-10	P Hobbs	95
402	00-3313	CLARA MOUNTAIN 13 (D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 6-11-3 (5ex)	H Davies	91
403	14U-130	THE ARGONAUT 34 (CD,F,G,S) (Queen Mother) F Walwyn 9-10-12	S Shilston	90
404	42/122-2	TEN OF SPADES 12 (G,S) (W Whitbread) Mrs M Rimell 7-10-11	D Browne	99
407	01-4421	NUMERATE 12 (D,F,G,S) (H Hough) O Sherwood 8-10-4 (5ex)	S Sherwood	93
408	10-F14F	TARCONEY 19 (G,S) (R Whittle) P Cundell 7-10-0	P Scudamore	85

BETTING: 9-4 Ten Of Spades, 3-1 Numerate, 7-2 Clara Mountain, 6-1 The Argonaut, 10-1 Mr Moonraker, 12-1 Tarconey.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM MR MOONRAKER (11-3) below form when a distance 4th to Duke of Milan (10-2) here (2m 4f, £4688, firm, Apr 22, 5 ran). Earlier MR MOONRAKER (11-0) showed his best form when beaten 1½l by Dragon Trail (10-7) here (2m 4f, £12315, good, Dec 5, 6 ran).
CLARA MOUNTAIN (11-2) on penultimate start beat Malya Mai (11-10) 3l at Sandown (2m 4f 168yd, £3210, good, Dec 4, 8 ran).
NUMERATE (10-13) got up on the flat to beat TEN OF SPADES (12-0) 1½l at Nottingham (2m 6f, £2170, good to soft, Dec 19, 9 ran).
TARCONEY (11-1) disappointing since beating Spartan Orient (10-0) 3l at Sandown (3m 119yd, £3012, good to soft, Oct 31, 7 ran).

Selection: TEN OF SPADES

3.5 ERNEST ROBINSON HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,742: 3m) (15 runners)

502	1/00-000	MALFORD LAD 47 (CD,S) (R Hawker) R Hawker 9-11-10	E Wale	95
504	443/F-1	VOYANT 37 (F,G,S) (T Wragg) S Christian 8-11-7	R J Beggan	92
506	21P-2FP	MILITARY BAND 5 (G,S) (A Salt) Mrs N Sharpe 9-11-5	H Davies	87
507	0200/02	CELTIC FLIGHT 17 (C,BF,S) (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 7-11-2	D Browne	99
508	01102	CHRISTO 13 (D,BF,S) (D Clarke) D Wintle 5-11-0 (4ex)	A Carroll	85
509	0/1-F114	INKPEN 41 (D,F,S) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) M H Easterby 6-10-13	L Wyer	93
510	0810-6	BUCKSHEE BOY 12 (S) (J Pilkington) J Pilkington 5-10-13	A Sharpe	92
511	401-003	HIGH PERFORMANCE 19 (S) (T Ludlow) F Winter 5-10-13	P Scudamore	98
513	12009-4	WATER CANNON 40 (V,D,S) (F H Lee) F Lee 6-10-11	R Dunwoody	97
514	0/20208	MR GREGORY 12 (S) (A Leiper) G Balding 6-10-5	S Moore	97
516	00043/0-	INFINITE STAR 314 (Miss R Hamar) Miss R Hamar 7-10-0	Miss S Baxter (7)	95
517	PP9-000	SHOEMENDER 19 (G,S) (P Rodford) P Rodford 10-10-0	P Richards	90
518	0F0/P00-	ZIRCON'S SUN 325 (C,F,G) (Dorothea Viscountess Kelburn) D Laing 8-10-0	K Mooney	—
519	P0000F	BLACKWELL BOY 3 (B,G) (Triem South West) A James 6-10-0	—	91
520	00000-	SEAL PRINCE 254 (Mrs J Daning) R Daning 6-10-0	R Rowell	—

BETTING: 11-4 Celtic Flight, 7-2 Inkpen, 9-2 High Performance, 6-1 Voyant, 8-1 Christo, 10-1 Water Cannon, 12-1 Military Band, 14-1 Malford Lad, 20-1 others.

1986: MODEL PUPIL 6-11-7 S O'Neill (6-1) D O'Neill 16 ran

FORM VOYANT (11-10) took up the lead over the last to win by 1l from His Street-Blues (11-4) at Wolverhampton (2m 6f, £1568, heavy, Nov 24, 20 ran).
CELTIC FLIGHT (11-8) fast-finishing 1½l 2nd to Pragada (11-10) (a winner yesterday) over 2m 5f at Warwick (£1990, good, Dec 14, 18 ran).
HIGH PERFORMANCE (11-8) 3l 3rd to Royal Gossip (11-7) at Towcester (3m 99yd, £1457, good to soft, Dec 12, 20 ran) with SHOEMENDER (10-4) 7th and CHRISTO (10-12) 14th.
CHRISTO (11-6) 2½l 2nd to Mubaarik (10-2) at Fakenham (2m 5f 110yd, £1387, soft, Dec 18, 10 ran).
BUCKSHEE BOY best effort in Nottingham novice last season when (11-0) 15l winner from Solidasarock (11-10) (2m, £1790, soft, Mar 24, 14 ran).
WATER CANNON (10-5) ran out 10l winner from Menford (10-7) at Uttoxeter last season (3m, £3116, soft, Mar 21, 14 ran).
MR GREGORY twice below form since (10-11) running 12l 2nd to Take No Trash (10-5) at Newbury (3m 128yd, £2962, soft, Nov 17, 15 ran).

Selection: MR GREGORY

3.40 GLOUCESTERSHIRE CCC NOVICES HURDLE (£2,575: 2m) (19 runners)

602	022-110	HILL'S PAGEANT 40 (CD,BF,S) (L Thwaites) F Walwyn 8-11-8	K Mooney	99
607	149P31-	ANOTHER SCHEDULE 245 (G) (Exors Late G Black) F Winter 6-11-0	P Scudamore	72
608	49	AVALON 35 (J Pearn) N Aylliffe 4-11-0	M Aylliffe	—
611	48U	CHASE THE LINE 12 (D Hornby) D Nicholson 4-11-0	R Dunwoody	—
612	4-0	DEEP MOMENT 12 (Mrs M Curtis) Mrs M Rimell 5-11-0	D Browne	—
614	3422/	EAGLE TAVERN 1189 (F) (A Holmes) R Manning 8-11-0	P Hobbs	—
618	0F0-00	HAMPER 13 (H Joel) J Gifford 4-11-0	R Rowe	70
620	42-0	IRISH GENERAL 26 (A Parker) J Edwards 5-11-0	—	68
622	00/022	MAD JIMMY 40 (BF) (J Warner) R Holder 5-11-0	P Murphy	82
623	P4000/8	MISTER HAMMY 33 (C Bravery) C Bravery 7-11-0	H Davies	—
625	00	ONE MORE KNIGHT 13 (R West) Mrs I Mckie 4-11-0	S Sherwood	77
627		PLOUGH MONDAY (Mrs C Williams) A Turnell 4-11-0	I Lawrence (7)	—
628	00P-P	PRESIDENT'S PUPPET 19 (Elwell Farm Ltd) J Old 5-11-0	S McNeill	—
630	03200-	SARACENS ANVIL 280 (R Bennett) E Wheeler 5-11-0	M Keane	—
631		THE LIDGATE STAR (Mrs J McHugh) M Tate 4-11-0	R Hyett	—
634	63-069	UNCLES CHOICE 37 (Miss L Wallace) E H Owen 4-11-0	D J Burchell (7)	—
636	23000/	YOU KNOW 743 (L Thwaites) S Christian 5-11-0	R J Beggan	—
637	P/060	BELLALOO 17 (Mrs T Pilkington) Mrs T Pilkington 7-10-8	A Webb	—
638	00F-82	JANE CRAIG 131 (S Griffiths) S Griffiths 4-10-9	—	74

BETTING: 7-4 Hill's Pageant, 4-1 Deep Moment, 5-1 Another Schedule, 6-1 Mad Jimmy, 10-1 Hamper, 12-1 You Know, Chase the Line, 16-1 others.

1986: INTUITION 4-11-1 D McKeown (15-8 fav) R Akehurst 14 ran

FORM HILL'S PAGEANT has run best races here, including (11-1) 8l beating of Factotum (11-0) (2m, £1719, good to soft, Oct 21, 18 ran), with MAD JIMMY (11-1) 5l 5th.
HAMPER (11-5) 28l 6th to Roubayd at Lingfield (2m £1356, heavy, Dec 18, 20 ran).
ANOTHER SCHEDULE the winner of two bumper races in Ireland.
DEEP MOMENT (10-10) 8th in need of the outing when behind Mole Aboard (10-10) at Nottingham (2m, £904, soft, Dec 19, 20 ran).
IRISH GENERAL (11-0) 8th in a good bumper behind Ryde Again (10-7) at Chepstow (2m, £2615, soft, Dec 5, 10 ran).
MAD JIMMY (11-0) 3l 2nd to Dom Edino (11-0) at Catterick (2m, £1363, good, Nov 21, 21 ran).
ONE MORE NIGHT (11-0) 6l 5th to Popeswood at Lingfield (2m, £2572, heavy, Dec 18, 21 ran).
JANE CRAIG not raced since Aug 22 when (10-8) 8l 2nd to Knockannis (11-0) at Hereford (2m, £791, firm, 15 ran).

Selection: HILL'S PAGEANT

LEICESTER

Selections

By Mandarin

1.00 Pembroke Bay. 1.30 Paddy Will. 2.00 Nearly A Pine. | 2.30 Treyford. 3.00 Focus On Foster. 3.30 I Wonder When.

Going: good to soft (chase course); soft (hurdles)

1.0 PYTCHLEY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,604: 2m) (19 runners)

2	223-313	THE BAKEWELL BOY 35 (D,G) (N Lake) R Frost 5-11-4	J Frost	99
5	00	BLUEBERRY KING 13 (BF) (R Gilder) A Turnell 4-10-12	Steve Knight	83
6	0	BURNING LIGHT 10 (Mrs J Trendell) T Casey 5-10-12	G Charles Jones	83
7	022-0	CELTIC BARD 10 (P Southgate) T Bill 5-10-12	N Fearn (4)	82
10	2-040	DOUBLE CALIBRE 26 (B Robinson) J Spearing 4-10-12	Gee Armytage	78
11		DUROMBLOVE (S Robinson) J Leigh 4-10-12	—	—
17	0-0F040	GEMTINO 13 (Miss J Wood) J Harris 4-10-12	J A Harris	66
18		GENERAL TINKER (Mrs J Frances) W Musson 4-10-12	D Dutton	—
19	0000-00	HAYS HILL 51 (P Hickman) R Frost 4-10-12	C Hopwood (7)	—
22	00/4-	KERRYWOOD HOUSE 423 (S Freeman) J Edwards 6-10-12	T Morgan	—
23	0	LATE DELIVERY 28 (D Keogh) K Bridgwater 5-10-12	A Webb	—
25	04-323	MONUMENTAL LAD 38 (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 4-10-12	C Jones	86
28	2-002	PEMBROKE BAY 12 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 4-10-12	M Pitman	89
30	0	ROYAL ROSCOE 36 (A Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 4-10-12	M Brisbourne	—
31	21	RYDE AGAIN 26 (S) (Mrs K Heyward) P Cundell 4-10-12	R Strange	—
33	0	SPEAKERS CORNER 28 (J Wilkinson) M Wilkinson 4-10-12	C Llewellyn (4)	—
34	200F-00	TRIOLIVES 28 (J Lewis) O Sherwood 6-10-12	C Cox	71
42	0P-	RYMER'S FANCY 337 (T Dancer) J Chugg 5-10-7	M Bowlby	—
45	000	THE FURNITUREMAKER 17 (G Amey) D Gandolfo 4-10-7	S Smith Eccles	72

BETTING: 5-2 Ryde Again, 4-1 The Bakewell Boy, 5-1 Pembroke Bay, 6-1 Blueberry King, 10-1 Monumental Lad, 12-1 Celtic Bard, 14-1 Kerrywood House, 16-1 Timoliver, 20-1 others.

1986: CELTIC SHOT 4-10-12 J Duggan (16-1) F Winter 20 ran

1.30 HOBY SELLING HURDLE (£1,100: 2m) (15 runners)

2	4309-14	DALBY GIRL 10 (D,S) (J Benbow) P Felgate 4-11-5	S Johnson	94
4	022-440	TREMATON 35 (B) (R Bayliss) R Juckes 4-11-2	T Wall	97
8	00	BORRETO 17 (A Shaw) C James 3-10-7	S Scott (7)	—
9	P00	CALYPSO KID 17 (M Graham-Clare) H O'Neill 3-10-7	G Jones	—
11	00	GO GRAFTON 16 (Mrs M Bayliss) G H Jones 3-10-7	J Barton (7)	80
13	00	MAYBEMUSIC 25 (N Draper) P Bevan 3-10-7	J J Quinn	98
14	002	SASKIA'S REPRIEVE 19 (V) (Qualitair Ltd) K Stone 3-10-7	M Richards	81
15	034P0	SHENLEY ROMP 39 (B) (R Skaggs) K Ivory 3-10-7	M Perrett	—
16	0	THE PATRICK FOX 30 (V) (G Seager) J Scallan 3-10-7	J McLoughlin	83
19	4	FALLING SHADOW 52 (Mrs M Taylor) J Pearce 3-10-2	S Woods (4)	78
20	00	HIKIMI 35 (Mrs M Charles) C Charles 3-10-2	J Frost	89
21	P02	PADDY WILL 31 (M Walker) R Frost 3-10-2	—	86
22	300	PALACE RULER 55 (Queensway China Ltd) M Bevan 3-10-2	Dale McKeown	—
24	0P	RED SKY AT NIGHT 63 (J Willett) C Willett 3-10-2	S Keightley	—
25	F	SAPPHARINO 28 (G Rowlands) R Stubbs 3-10-2	—	—

BETTING: 5-2 Saskia's Reprieve, 9-2 Falling Shadow, 8-1 Dalby Girl, 8-1 Paddy Will, 10-1 Trematon, 12-1 Shenley Romp, 14-1 Palace Ruler, 16-1 Hikimi, 20-1 others.

1986: MY DERRYA 3-10-7 P Dever (3-1 |t-fav) B McMahon 14 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
Mrs J Pitman	14	41	34.1
G Price	3	9	33.3
Jimmy Fitzgerald	4	13	30.8
A Turnell	4	13	30.8
T Bill	4	18	22.2
M Scudamore	3	24	12.5

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
B de Haan	5	16	31.3
M Bowlby	3	12	25.0
Steve Knight	3	12	25.0
S Smith Eccles	3	14	21.4

Only qualifiers

2.0 QUORN NOVICES CHASE (£1,761: 2m) (9 runners)

2	PP0	ARCAROOLA 9 (J Hutchinson) J Gifford 5-11-4	E Murphy	—
4	0	BUGSY'S UNCLE 34 (Mrs C Elliott) J Elliott 8-11-4	Mrs C Elliott	—
7	0/10F0P	GANARO 26 (F) (F Harvey) G Balding 5-11-4	R Guest (4)	—
9	300P-P2	NEARLY A PINE 131 (BF,G) (Mrs D Hues) D Gandolfo 7-11-4	S Smith Eccles	99
10	43U800	NEW HALEN 5 (T Sivier) A James 6-11-4	J Bryan	88
11	B3FP-00	NODALOTTE 17 (E Bowers) J Spearing 7-11-4	Gee Armytage	85
15	303/40-P	STRATHEARN 41 (G,S) (A F Budge Ltd) Jimmy Fitzgerald 6-11-4	J J Quinn	88
16	2/131-F0	WHISKEY TIME 16 (F,G) (H Solomons) J Jenkins 7-11-4	—	—
17	00480/P	DEEP GOLD 5 (G) (R Spicer) R Spicer 9-10-13	S Keightley	—

BETTING: 2-1 Nearly A Pine, 5-2 Whiskey Time, 3-1 Strathearn, 8-1 Ganaro, 12-1 Arcaroola, 16-1 Nodalotte, 25-1 New Halen, 50-1 others.

1986: KITTINGER 5-11-4 Steve Knight (3-1) A Turnell 8 ran

2.30 LEICESTERSHIRE SILVER FOX HANDICAP CHASE (£4,776: 2m 4f) (11 runners)

2	1U-3312	LUCKY RASCAL 19 (D,G,S) (J Ingram) J Gifford 8-12-0 (5ex)	E Murphy	94
3	40P240	FAR BRIDGE 12 (F,G,S) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 11-11-10	R Guest (4)	99
5	FPP-211	TREYFORD 30 (D,G,S) (S Sainsbury) T Forster 7-11-4	L Harvey	92
7	P1-3102	SMART TAR 20 (D,F,S) (Mrs E Courage) M Wilkinson 6-11-4	C Llewellyn (4)	88
8	01-4421	NUMERATE 12 (CD,F,G,S) (H Hough) O Sherwood 8-11-4 (5ex)	—	—
9	03/0PF1	FLAXEN TINA 17 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs S Gee) J Webber 9-10-10 (5ex)	G Mernagh	91
10	U-22141	WEIGHT PROBLEM 12 (D,D,F,S) (Mrs P Bevan) P Bevan 10-10-10 (5ex)	T Wall	92
11	3221-20	RHOECUS 40 (S) (Mrs M Rathbone) B Smart 8-10-9	B de Haan	85
12	1341/6F	DUHALLOW BOY 19 (F,G,S) (J Upson) T Casey 7-10-6	G Charles Jones	—
14	14410/P	ROYAL NORMAN 45 (B,C,D,G,S) (Mrs M Brisbourne) A Brisbourne 11-10-0	M Brisbourne	—
15	0-03423	WINGETTS 23 (D,F,G,S) (T Duke) Miss L Bower 11-10-0	R Rowell	72

● Newcastle runs at Cheltenham (2.30)

BETTING: 3-1 Treyford, 4-1 Lucky Rascal, 5-1 Smart Tar, 8-1 Flaxen Tina, 8-1 Far Bridge, 10-1 Weight Problem, 12-1 Rhoecus, 16-1 Wingetts, 20-1 Duhallow Boy, 25-1 Royal Norman.

1986: MANNA REEF 8-8-7 Mr M Richards (14-1) J Edwards 4 ran

3.0 GALLOWTREE NOVICES CHASE (£3,285: 3m) (17 runners)

4	0-0401F	MR KATS 13 (S) (Mrs P Hamilton) G Enright 7-11-4	Mr T Grantham	90
15		CONJUGATE (W S Kydd) M Wilkinson 8-10-12	C Llewellyn (4)	—
17	P00030/	COUNTRY PARK 741 (M Stevens) J Bosley 7-10-12	M Bosley	—
18	04-UP40	CROCSOX 27 (G) (Primate Ltd) H O'Neill 8-10-12	G McCourt	—
19	40/40F	CUCKOO HILL 12 (R Williams) M Scudamore 8-10-12	M Williams	—
20	0229-P4	FOCUS ON FOSTER 13 (Foster Ref Ltd) O Sherwood 5-10-12	C Cox	73
21	3P3	GLENAVEY 33 (R Gilder) J Gifford 6-10-12	E Murphy	88
22		HANDSOME MAN (C Willett) C Willett 10-10-12	Dale McKeown	—
25	P	KENSTONE 38 (M Wooldridge) D Williams 8-10-12	J D Doyle	—
26	00400-	MASTER PAT 254 (Miss L Shallcross) B Smart 7-10-12	B De Haan	—
29	F0-0200	PELION 19 (G,S) (Mrs A Garrett) J King 7-10-12	S McNeill	94
31	000-0P	PROMANDO LAD 30 (C Ash) R Armytage 5-10-12	—	—
33	00/0-P00	RELMORE 16 (B,G) (P Morgan) P Pritchard 7-10-12	R Strange	—
34	0PFPP/P	SCALDARA 12 (Mrs S Bavington) H O'Neill 7-10-12	R Chapman	—
35		SIR BEN (C Pogson) A Fowler 8-10-12	—	—
37	001-2P	TABOOMA 12 (F) (S Freeman) J Edwards 6-10-12	T Morgan	99
46	0/00040	SUNFLY 18 (Ma) R Dill) J Webber 5-10-7	G Mernagh	—

BETTING: 5-2 Glenavey, 7-2 Tabooma, 5-1 Pelion, 6-1 Mr Kats, 8-1 Focus On Foster, 12-1

David Miller, Chief Sports Correspondent, reviews a memorable year of international sport

Noble deeds fending off the crisis

For over 30 years I have challenged, not out of self-justification, the view propounded by George Orwell, Bernard Levin and others that international sport is a cause of ill will. In 1987, my altruistic brief on this issue has often been difficult if not impossible, with sport's propensity for shooting itself wilfully in the foot. Nevertheless, here goes.

I can recall 20 or more memorable, dignified and dramatic events, many of which I was fortunate enough to be paid to attend, which provided sport with unimpeachable evidence that it elevates the human experience.

There were moments of technical dexterity, resolute character or athletic beauty: at the world championships of athletics and rugby, at Wimbledon and the Open golf, at the alpine and rowing world championships, in the America's Cup and the Tour de France, at the Ryder Cup and world matchplay championships, in the FA Cup and European Cup, in the prizefighters' ring and on the horse-race track. Such occasions demonstrated that while much of sport is faced by crisis in leadership, legality and drugs, it continues to encourage countless enthusiastic competitors towards honourable and sometimes noble deeds.

The ambitious Chinese National Games in Canton and the African Games in Nairobi – at a modern stadium donated and built by the Chinese – were testimony to the huge potential of emerging nations. To witness black Zimbabwe spectators chanting their support for their almost wholly white hockey team – on the first all-weather hockey pitch in Africa – was to know that at least one of the world's three worst problems, with famine and the bomb, is not necessarily insoluble.

To watch 1,200 seven-year-old gymnasts performing angelically in Western-orientated Canton was to realize, obliquely, that the British Parliament's satisfactory negotiations with Beijing over the Hong Kong exchange could be a major element in 21st century political history.







Crowned champion: Cash flows (above) at Wimbledon, Tyson (above right) evades Smith's clutches, while Faldo and Jacklin have the Ryder Cup in their grasp

Ridley on sport in 1987

Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for the Environment: "Capital spending finances new council homes, sports centres, leisure centres, shopping centres as well as many other things. But do such things need to be provided at public expense at all, let alone by permanent public investment? Why not let the private sector provide many of these things? Maybe it would provide them better."

It was a privilege to have been able to see the inspiration which the remote and largely inaccessible Olympic Games can give to relatively humble sport in tiny islands such as the Samoas, the Cooks, Tonga and Guam, to hear the American Samoa Senate burst into unaccompanied song upon receipt of their Olympic flag, and to take part in a rowing race in Pago Pago harbour between carved 90-foot boats with 100 oarsmen that was worthy of Greek mythology.

This, plus a first, witless-scared glider trip spiralling upwards at three times the speed of a powered light aircraft at the world championships at Benalla, and a boat trip through the 40,000-population pontoon river-village at Bandar Seri Begawan, capital of Brunei, were among the more improbable personal rewards of an eventful year. Most of it was more conventional, beginning last January with the America's Cup.

Fremantle, friendly and warm, has come and gone from the sporting circuit like a summer rose, leaving happy memories and not a few bankruptcies, now that the vast yachting circus has shifted – we uncertainly assume – to San Diego. Dennis Conner's recapture of the trophy was remorselessly conceived and ultimately, and brilliantly, overwhelming. Great sailors such as Dickson, Murray, Cudmore and Pajot were out-manoeuvred on and off the water.

At Crans Montana, Peter Muller unexpectedly beat his versatile compatriot, Zurbriggen, to win the world championship downhill with Austria again humiliated as Switzerland took five of the first six places. We were reminded of surly Swiss nationalism when Wörndl of West Germany won the slalom in front of a stony silent crowd.

Mike Tyson, the world heavyweight champion, out-crunched Bonecrusher Smith and those who came before and after, sometimes less than convincingly; though not with the cynicism which greeted the agreeable but one-track vision Bruno's victory over Bugner. Honeyghan, consistently a worthy champion, unluckily lost his title on an opponent's cat eye.

In New Zealand, France reached the final of the first rugby World Cup when defeating Australia in what was widely regarded as one of the greatest matches ever played; but then disappointingly were boringly steamrollered by the expedient home team playing a percentage game. Back at Wembley, Clive Allen headed Tottenham in front after two minutes of the FA Cup final, only for Coventry, inspired by Bennett and Houchen, to come back to win in extra time through Mabbutt's own goal in their first final in 104 years.

Porto, playing football the way it used to be before tacticians got hold of it, put some stardust back into the European Cup with a glittering 2-1 win over Bayern. They also had to come from behind: lifted by the mercurial Futre in the second half, Juary, of Brazil, and Madjer, of Algeria, scored the goals.

Moynihan on drugs in 1987

Colin Moynihan, Minister for Sport: "The abuse of drugs poses one of the biggest challenges to the future of sport. We are very much in danger that if we do not take a tough line it would lead to an ending of fair, competitive sport."

At Wimbledon, Becker failed to clear the off-court emotional net, and lost to an unknown in the continuation of a decline which was not to halt. Pat Cash climbed to stardom, and right on up into the spectator gallery to embrace his relations after defeating Ivan Lendl, a performance to match his recovery against Pernfors in the Davis Cup.

Martina Navratilova won her eighth Wimbledon singles and the US title to punctuate a year which unequivocally belonged to the otherwise irresistible Graf, winner in Paris.

The supreme performance of the year was probably Stephen Roche's triumph in the Tour de France, an achievement no less popular in the Irish Republic than Eamonn Darcy's critical downhill putt in the historic winning of the Ryder Cup in Columbus: where Langer's unforgettable chip to the 18th was equally euphoria-making. Faldo, having played dogged par golf to beat Azinger for the Open, was another Columbus hero with his partner Woosnam, who then defeated Faldo to become the first Briton to win the matchplay championship: and controversially completed a remarkable personal year by accepting Sun City's million-dollar cheque. Everyone unreservedly cheered Laura Davies' US Open victory.

The world athletics championships produced a quicker sensation than Roche's when Johnson bust the 100 metres record without altitude assistance by an astonishing tenth of a second. Miss Whitbread won Britain's only gold, Thompson, Cram and McKean all fading from a front line occupied respectively by Voss, Bile and Konchella. Only a hundredth of a second split Moses, Harris and Schmid in a spectacular 400 metres hurdles. Italian mal-administration somewhat soured the overall mood in Rome.

Nigel Mansell's Formula One ambition again disintegrated, this time against a crash barrier, which proved as unyielding as did Pakistan's umpires for England's cricketers. What had begun as a good year for them in Australia now collapsed in acrimony and disorder amid scenes which leave the game's image as irreparably damaged as athletics by continuing drug scandals: first with the arrest of David Jenkins and then with evidence in these columns which make the British less than clean.

Though Sheffield was awarded the 1991 World Student Games, there was undoubtedly a dark side to the year. Piggott was jailed, Pleat drummed out at Tottenham. And Horst Dassler, more of a sporting benefactor than some would grant, died at 51.

TOMORROW

David Miller looks forward to sport in 1988

TABLE TENNIS

Douglas is able to defend his title

By Richard Eaton

Desmond Douglas is able to defend his European Top Twelve title in Ljubljana in February. That likelihood became a certainty when the English champion was placed No. 4 in the European rankings issued yesterday.

The Walsall left-hander has thus slipped only one place in the new list which, considering he is well into his 33rd year, is satisfactory. Few would expect Douglas to become Top Twelve champion again, particularly as his uniquely unorthodox style has been given only to patches of brilliance this season.

However, a surprising defeat to the Scot, David Hannah – the first with 21-up scoring against a British player in a decade – has been offset by a victory over Jan-Ove Waldner, of Sweden, who is still the European No. 1.

Two other English players who last year competed in the Top Twelve, Carl Prean and Lisa Lomas, are now unlikely to do so. Prean, despite some excellent wins in the West German Bundesliga, descends one place to No. 16 while Lomas, still struggling to rediscover the form that won her a European bronze medal in 1986, drops from 10 to 19.

However, Alan Cooke climbs from 24 to 22, a ranking that still does not flatter him. The England No. 2 reached the last 16 of the world championships in February and also showed by qualifying for the Olympics last month that he is both professional and athletic enough to aspire to greater things.

Once again the Swedes, with five in the top 10, dominate the men's list, while the Eastern Europeans have almost complete control of the top echelons of the women's game.

EUROPEAN RANKINGS: Men: 1, J-O Waldner (Swe); 2, E Lindh (Swe); 3, A Grubba (Pol); 4, D Douglas (Eng); 5, J Persson (Swe); 6, M Appelgren (Swe); 7, L Kucharski (Pol); 8, A Mazunov (USSR); 9, T Klampar (Hun); 10, U Carlsson (Swe); 11, Z Kalinic (Yug); 12, G Bohm (WG). Women: 1, C Batorfi (Hun); 2, M Hrachova (Cz); 3, F Bulstova (USSR); 4, B Vriesekoop (Neth); 5, D Guergelcheva (Bul); 6, E Urban (Hun); 7, O Badescu (Rom); 8, R Kasalova (Cz); 9, E Kovtun (USSR); 10, O Nemes (WG); 11, V Popova (USSR); 12, J Hezlik (Yug).

FISHING

Best trout for the highest bid

By Conrad Voss Bark

Peter Scott is chairman of the Wiltshire Wildlife Fund, which is appealing to fishermen for support. The appeal is not one-sided. More than 50 owners of fishing have given more than 80 days on the best trout and salmon rivers to the fund for them to auction among fly fishermen.

Bids are by post and those lucky enough to make the highest bids could get a day on the Test at Stockbridge, several days on the Wylye at Sutton Veny, Codford, Stockton and Heytesbury and on the Avon and Itchen, and some very good salmon fishing on the Frome, Exe and Wye.

Postal auctions of fishing for charity are growing more and more popular. The first to start them on a big scale was the Atlantic Salmon Trust, which had a great deal to offer nationwide including salmon fishing on some of the Royal beats of the Dee fished by the Queen Mother and the Prince of Wales. About 200 lots on rivers from the chalk streams to the Highlands brought in about £30,000.

The Wiltshire fishing auction, on a smaller scale, could help towards a target of £250,000 – part of which has already been used to preserve a 78-acre woodland near Salisbury and develop it as a haven for wildlife. Among the threatened creatures are three rare species of butterflies, which include the snake's head fritillary and, among among mammals, the dormouse. Fish for trout and save a dormouse.

TENNIS

Easy passage for Loughton

Maggie Loughton, aged 17 from Brough, North Humberside and the No. 6 seed, moved into the last eight of the girl's singles in the British junior covered court championships at Queen's Club yesterday. After taking five games in a row in the first set, for the loss of just five points, she cruised past Nicola Cornforth 6-1, 6-4 in just 90 minutes.

RESULTS: Third round: Girl's singles: M Loughton bt N Cornforth, 6-1, 6-4; J Harper bt C Hiley, 6-2, 6-3; N Topper bt N Giles, 6-1, 6-1; L Nimmo bt A Sorkin, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1; G Humphreys-Davies bt D Springall, 6-1, 6-2; J Donovan bt V Davies, 6-0, 6-0. Boy's singles: M Petchey bt A Moir, 6-1, 6-1; C Wilkinson bt J Black, 6-1, 6-2; U Nganga bt D Ireland, 6-7, 6-3, 6-0; D Coull bt G Hunter, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Llanelli v Swansea (3.0); Pontypridd v Aberavon (7.15).

HOCKEY

WOMEN: Territorial Tournament (at Southampton Sports Centre, Bassett): North v Midlands (9.30); West v East (11.0); South v Midlands (12.45).

OTHER SPORT

TENNIS: British junior championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).
SQUASH RACKETS: West Sussex open (at West Worthing SRC).
VOLLEYBALL: Women's international tournament (at Alexandra Pavilion).

SPORT ON TV

BOWLS: Gateway Masters tournament from Worthing, BBC2: 5.05 p.m.
CRICKET: 3M Cat Challenge: Competition to find the world's best all-round cricketer from Hong Kong. C4: 12 p.m.
STREET HOCKEY: Tennent's Super national championships: The final from Leicester. C4: 11.30 a.m.
TENNIS: Davis Cup classic match: John McEnroe v Boris Becker. C4: 1 p.m.

SPORTS LETTERS

Protection of the innocent

From Mr Tim Hutchings
Sir, Many top-class athletes who abhor drug abuse will be concerned that positive steps are taken internationally to eliminate cheating in all ways possible.

The International Athletes' Club believe that the following steps should be taken in order to ensure that innocent athletes can have full confidence in the drug testing system and that all athletes are deterred from abuse:

1. In addition to current random testing in competition, all event winners to be tested at all IAAF and EAA meetings and also at all representative international matches.

2. A completely independent international medical commission to be appointed and to be solely responsible for the collecting of all samples and the supervision of subsequent tests.

3. Extensive out-of-competition testing of all leading athletes to be controlled by the same independent medical commission.

I believe that the great majority of athletes throughout the sport are completely free of drug abuse and are entitled to feel that their efforts both in training and competition are not in vain. If they are able to train and compete in the knowledge that the cheats will be found out, and in particular that little significant competitive success can be gained without taking and passing regular drug tests, then their confidence in the sport, indeed the credibility of the whole athletics family, can be greatly enhanced.

Yours sincerely,
TIM HUTCHINGS,

Hon. Secretary, International Athletes' Club,

210 High Holborn, WC1.
December 21.

Sheffield steal

From Mr Ray Gridley,
Sir, I am sorry that Sheffield's pre-emptive strike to secure the 1991 World Student Games for Britain has taken Mr C. N. Jeffries so much by surprise (December 10).

When Sheffield was chosen by the British Student Sports Federation (in preference to the other final candidate, Edinburgh) to bid on behalf of Britain for 1991, no timetable for reaching a decision had been set by the international body, FISU.

Sheffield decided to make a direct appeal to the General Assembly of FISU in Zagreb during this year's World Student Games. It worked. The FISU Executive came to Sheffield in November 1987 and were persuaded by what they heard and saw to look no further for the 1991 host city.

Many thanks to Mr Jeffries and the many others who have sent their congratulations.

Yours faithfully,
RAY GRIDLEY.

Director, World Student Games Secretariat,

6th Floor, City Plaza,
Pinfold Street, Sheffield.
December 15.

A longer reign

From Mr J.E. Jenkins
Sir, The article by Colin McQuillan (December 23) praising the remarkable achievements of Jahangir Khan over the past five years also includes the statement that, "such a record is certain to stand unchallenged in any sport, perhaps for all time".

In fact the achievements of another squash player are even more remarkable: I refer to Heather McKay who was undefeated from 1962 to 1977, during which her domination of the women's game was such as to entitle one to believe that she is the finest woman player the world has ever seen or is likely to see. I would add that prior to Heather McKay's reign, the champion for the previous 10 years was Janet Morgan.

While not denying the differences as compared with the men's game, I feel that the women – particularly these two – deserve more recognition than is customarily accorded to them.

JOHN JENKINS,
6 Orchard End.

Rowledge, Farnham, Surrey.
December 23.

Reining-in promoters

From the Director-General of the British Safety Council
Sir, Now that the boxer, Bobby Frankham, who threw punches at the referee has quite rightly been banned, isn't it an appropriate time to put some controls on the dealers in brain damage (the promoters) who deliberately hype-up the media with "needle" or "grudge" fight comments, and when given the slightest opportunity parade fighters in the ring to the accompaniment of the National Anthem as though it was a war?
Yours faithfully,
JAMES TYE,
Director-General,
British Safety Council,
Chancellor's Road, W6.
December 18.

Spreading south

From Mr J.B. Griffin
Sir, Why, I wonder, did Mr Tom Clough (December 17) conclude his letter about the recent University match with a rather churlish comment about rugby league? I suspect it was because – like many others – he is under the impression that the 13-a-side code is entirely professional; and he is worried that his own favourite code of rugby is going the same way. (If what one reads about rugby union in France, South Africa and Wales is true, his worries are well founded.)

The fact is that while in English rugby league there are 30 professional clubs, with some 1,500 registered players – nearly all part-time professionals – there are hundreds of amateur rugby league teams, ranging from those in junior schools, through the upper schools, colleges and universities' leagues to junior and open age teams in dozens of league competitions. Increasingly, amateur rugby league clubs are springing up in non-traditional league areas, such as London, the Midlands and the South-West and in March, at Headingley, the eighth annual Oxford v Cambridge University match will be played. As reported in *The Times*, several rugby union Blues are expected to play in this match.
J.B. GRIFFIN,
9 Oakfield Drive,
Leigh, Lancashire.
December 20.

Teaching the art of leadership

From Mr John Twells
Sir, Simon Barnes's brilliant article (December 16), *A tour through the minefields of captaincy*, reminds me that the MCC book on coaching opens with the classic statement: "Cricket is a form of warfare."

That is true. It is also true that a good army trains not only its soldiers but also its leaders.

Much cricket coaching is available for batsmen and bowlers. Fielding practice is, or should be, a regular occurrence. All necessary weapon training, the equivalent of skill at arms. Yet where, Sir, is there a school of captaincy?

It seems to be assumed that a few seasons playing the game qualifies a player to skipper a side and build team spirit. However even the best of natural leaders and the most experienced players would be improved by attendance at a few winter lectures on the subject of leadership and tactics.

Captaincy at cricket is a form of generalship with, at Test level, added measures of diplomacy, politics and public relations. Therefore, for the handful of first-class players from whom such leaders can be drawn, extra tuition on the level of the staff college rather than Sandhurst or a junior leaders course seems essential.
Yours faithfully,
JOHN TWELLS,
15 Church Lane,
Darley Abbey, Derby.

From Canon Max Wigley
Sir, The sight of batsmen given out, but refusing to walk, is sad, but understandable. However, the problem is deeper than bad umpiring and extends beyond the recent Test series in Pakistan.

The basic problem is one of honesty. Cheating has become part of the game of cricket in this country, at club, league and county level. I have played club and league cricket all my life and towards the end of my league career I noticed an ever increasing trend to cheat batsmen out where possible, and intimidate the umpire by appealing consistently for catches behind, catches off bat and pad, and leg-before decisions when, in actual fact, most of the fielding side knew the batsman had not touched the ball when a catch was appealed for.

The fielders seemed to be getting more expert at jumping and gesticulating when appealing although they know the batsman is not out. Such appealing is often done deliberately, especially if it is felt the umpire is weak.

It is not only done by Pakistan, although they seem expert at it. It is done by our national side too, and most others. It is cheating and is dishonest and marks another step down the road of falling standards of morality in our country.
Yours faithfully,
MAX WIGLEY,
St John's Vicarage,
30 Bartle Close,
Bradford, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Michael Meyer
Sir, One good thing has come out of this Pakistan tour. In 50 years of listening to radio cricket commentaries I have never heard as good a team as Jack Bannister, Michael Selvey, Peter Baxter, Robin Marlar and Ralph Dellor; fresh, knowledgeable, witty and articulate, and blessedly free from the usual superfluity of facetious banter.
Yours etc,
MICHAEL MEYER,
4 Montagu Square, W1.

Football and its finances

From Mr Bernard Fransen
Sir, Having for many years enjoyed a modest interest in football, specifically in Watford FC in recent years, I am amazed at the cavalier manner in which the Football League are able to spurn a great deal of money that is on offer. Already many clubs are financially supported by big business and by wealthy individuals. Do the League members believe that injections of cash carry not the slightest degree of influence?

Tottenham FC is now a corporate body and other clubs may, and probably will, follow suit. It will not be difficult for a person or a body to build up an influential shareholding in any such company or companies, and opposition from the League authority will simply drive hard-needed cash away from the game.

I cannot see that Mr Robert Maxwell is necessarily a threat to anyone in football but even if he is, the clubs should compel the management committee to find the means to control excesses, keeping Mr Maxwell and his money in football, incidentally encouraging others to follow his example.
Yours truly,
BERNARD FRANSEN,
2 Hills Lane House,
Rickmansworth Road,
Northwood, Middlesex.

Triangle theory

From Senhor Milton C. Graca
Sir, As a veteran football lover and sports journalist, I agree that the offside rule is one of the "game's tricks" and should not be eliminated. But I do think that a small change in the rules would help to avoid the ever-increasing trend to physical against artistic playing.

Eliminate the walls and make the free kicks really free, i.e. no opponent players, besides the goalkeeper, would be allowed inside the triangle formed by the position of the ball and the two goalposts. Defenders would become gentler, referees would not have so much trouble with "moving" balls, and interruptions of the game would be shorter. Audiences and good players would love it.
Yours very truly,
MILTON C. GRACA,
13a Victoria Cottages,
Kew Gardens, Surrey.

What's in a name?

From Mr H. Jack Haden
Sir, When a Yorkshire building firm came to name the streets of their development on the playing fields of the former King Edward VI Grammar School at Stourbridge they decided to give them names associated with the game of cricket. So, anxious to avoid controversy, they looked into Yorkshire's distinguished cricketing past and named the main road on their new Cricketers Green estate Sutcliffe Drive after that powerful driver of the ball for England and Yorkshire, the late Herbert Sutcliffe, and not wishing to appear parochial called the side roads Marylebone, Hammond and Laker closes.

Little did they realize how violently they would give offence to the respectable residents of the estate. As soon as the street name Sutcliffe Drive was announced a petition and protests showered on the Dudley Council department responsible for approving the name.

Stourbridge is a Worcestershire cricketing catchment area but the protests were not at the omission of a Worcestershire cricketer's name. The protesters were raising their voices because they assumed that the street's name would associate them with the murderer, Peter Sutcliffe, known as the Yorkshire Ripper.

Bowing to violated sensibilities, Dudley Council has just changed Sutcliffe Drive, tactfully, to Kenyon Close, named after Don Kenyon, a former Stourbridge club cricketer who played for England and captained Worcestershire in the season they won the county championship for the first time, and to avoid other embarrasing situations it has been decided that in future no new street shall be given a personal name – which should rule out the names of freedom fighters and revolutionaries as favoured by some local authorities.
Yours etc,
H. JACK HADEN,
29 South Road,
Stourbridge, West Midlands.
December 20.

Police priorities

From Mr Peter Tams, JP
Sir, Once again I see a photograph, on this occasion on the front page of *The Times* (December 23), of a sports personality, this time in the form of Mr Gatting, returning home via a British airport surrounded by, so your picture indicates, at least five policemen.

How come that these sports personalities can attract such police protection when, in most counties in England, the chief constable has to admit that the supply of even one police officer per sitting magistrates court for security purposes has, of necessity, to be very low on his list of policing priorities.

Yours faithfully,
PETER TAMS.

Chairman of Stone (Staffordshire) Bench,

The White Lodge,
Oulton Cross,

Stone, Staffordshire.
December 23.

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CRICKET: HADLEE REACHES A MILESTONE BUT FAILS IN A SOLO EFFORT TO WREST VICTORY

Heroics carry Australia through

Melbourne (Agencies) — Craig McDermott and Michael Whitney, the last-wicket partners, displayed stout resistance for the final four overs to thwart a rampant Richard Hadlee and carry Australia to a draw and a 1-0 series win against New Zealand here yesterday.

Australia, set 247 to win after dismissing New Zealand for 286 in the first over of the day, finished on 230 for nine, giving Border his first series success as Australian captain.

Hadlee took five wickets for the 32nd time in his Test career, moving alongside Botham as the most successful bowler in Test history with 373 wickets.

The Test was Whitney's third in six years in Australia. Yesterday he scored two runs and faced 18 balls, none more important than the last of the day from Hadlee which he kept out before punching the air in delight.

Whitney said: "Hadlee was doing so much with the ball I thought, 'I'll never get to hit it anyway. Then at last I just had to keep six balls out. I had got that far, if Hadlee was going to get anyone out, it wasn't going to be me."

Border said he had told McDermott, who was taking medication for a virus, to stay put and not worry about runs. "We were going for it until then, but when I knew Mike Whitney was next, I wasn't too confident of his prowess," he said. "But I asked 'Billy' (McDermott) to play it out and not worry about runs. Now I have got a lot more respect for Whit's ability with the willow."

At lunch Australia, having rode their luck, were 52 for one with Boon 24 not out. Both Boon and Marsh were dropped in the slips by the Crowe brothers before Marsh was dismissed for 23, caught by Bracewell at second slip off Hadlee, while Boon went on to reach a valuable 54.

Jones survived a typically torrid welcome from the New Zealand fast bowlers, but then fell to the gentle medium pace of Chatfield for eight.

Australia were poised for victory when Border took them to within 100 runs of the target for the loss of three wickets. But the dismissal of the Australian left-hander sowed doubt among his team colleagues, and Waugh followed soon after.

Sleep and Veletta took the attack to New Zealand, hitting several crisp boundaries, before Sleep fell leg before to Hadlee for 20.

With the score on 209 Veletta was seventh out for 39, well caught by Patel off Bracewell and a few balls later Dyer became yet another Hadlee victim. Dodemaide and McDermott added 11 before Dodemaide departed, setting the scene for the final nail-biting act.

NEW ZEALAND: First innings 317 (J G Wright 89, M D Crowe 82).

Second innings

P A Horne c Boon b Dodemaide	27
J G Wright b Sleep	43
A N Jones run out	20
M D Crowe c Border b Dodemaide	78
J J Crowe c Boon b Sleep	25
D N Patel c Dyer b Dodemaide	38
R J Hadlee lbw b Sleep	29
J G Bracewell c Veletta b Dodemaide	1
†† D S Smith c Dyer b Dodemaide	12
D K Morrison b Dodemaide	0
E J Chatfield not out	1
Extras (b 2, lb 8, nb 1)	11
Total	286

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-73, 2-76, 3-158, 4-178, 5-220, 6-272, 7-272, 8-281, 9-285.

BOWLING: McDermott 10-1-43-0; Whitney 20-5-45-0; Dodemaide 29.3-10-58-6; Sleep 26-5-107-3; Jones 8-3-23-0.

AUSTRALIA: First innings 357 (P R Sleep 90, S R Waugh 55, A I C Dodemaide 50; R J Hadlee 5 for 109).

Second innings

G R Marsh c Bracewell b Hadlee	23
D C Boon c M Crowe b Morrison	54
D M Jones c M Crowe b Chatfield	8
*A R Border lbw b Hadlee	43
M R J Veletta c Patel b Bracewell	39
S R Waugh c Patel b Chatfield	10
P R Sleep lbw b Hadlee	20
†G C Dyer c Smith b Hadlee	4
A I C Dodemaide lbw b Hadlee	3
C J McDermott not out	10
M R Whitney not out	2
Extras (b 1, lb 9, nb 4)	14
Total (9 wkts)	230

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-45, 2-59, 3-103, 4-147, 5-176, 6-209, 7-209, 8-216, 9-227.

BOWLING: Hadlee 31-8-67-5; Morrison 16-2-54-1; Chatfield 21-6-41-2; Bracewell 24-5-58-1.

LEADING TEST WICKET-TAKERS

	Career	Tests	Wkts	Ave	5i	10m
I T Botham (Eng)	1977-87	94	373	27.86	27	4
R J Hadlee (NZ)	1972-87	73	373	22.32	32	8
D K Lillee (Aus)	1970-84	70	355	23.92	23	7
R G D Willis (Eng)	1970-84	90	325	25.20	16	—
Kapil Dev (Ind)	1978-87	91	318	29.58	19	2
Imran Khan (Pak)	1971-87	70	311	22.19	21	5
L R Gibbs (WI)	1957-76	79	309	29.09	18	2
F S Trueman (Eng)	1952-65	67	307	21.57	17	3
D L Underwood (Eng)	1966-82	86	297	25.84	17	6
B S Bedi (Ind)	1966-79	67	266	28.71	14	1

HOW THE TOP TWO COMPARE

	Botham Tests	Botham Wkts	Hadlee Tests	Hadlee Wkts
v Australia	33	145	22	123
v England	—	—	17	81
v India	14	59	8	35
v New Zealand	14	61	—	—
v Pakistan	12	40	10	46
v Sri Lanka	2	10	6	37
v West Indies	19	58	10	51



In full flight: Hadlee soars to new heights with 10 wickets

Australia pick Taylor

Melbourne (Reuter) — Australia have replaced Sleep, the leg-spin bowler, with off-spinner Taylor in their 12-man squad for the World Series Cup tournament against New Zealand and Sri Lanka starting on January 2.

The New Zealanders have included Blain, the batsman, and Gillespie, the medium-pace bowler, to replace bowlers Gray and Watson, who are returning home, while Sri Lanka will name their squad after a one-day match against a Western Australian Country XI today prior to facing Australia in the opening match of the tournament in Perth.

AUSTRALIA: A R Border (capt), D C Boon, G R Marsh, D M Jones, M R J Veletta, S R Waugh, G C Dyer, A I C Dodemaide, C J McDermott, M R Whitney, T B A May, P L Taylor.

NEW ZEALAND: J J Crowe (capt), J G Wright, J G Bracewell, E J Chatfield, M D Crowe, R J Hadlee, P A Horne, A N Jones, D K Morrison, D N Patel, K R Rutherford, I D S Smith, M C Snedden, T E Blain, S R. Gillespie.

Little sympathy for Vengsarkar's pain

From Javed Akhtar
Calcutta

Dilip Vengsarkar's dogged century and average of 101 in the series against West Indies had a cruel epitaph yesterday.

As India ground to 521 for seven — and an inevitable draw when the third Test finishes today —, the Indian captain was forced to retire on 102 with a broken left hand after being hit by Davis from a rare awkward rising delivery at Eden Gardens. Vengsarkar will be out for at least a fortnight and may miss the final Test in Madras, starting on January 11.

The rapidly cooling relationship between these sides was also illustrated when Vengsarkar reached his seventeenth century and sixth against the feared West Indies attack. The West Indians offered him no congratulations when he reached his hundred from 261 deliveries, including 11 boundaries; nor did they offer sympathy when he was struck by Davis, only Haynes strolling over to pick up his bat and call for a doctor.

Another ripple of tension came when umpire Piloo Reporter was shown the bat by Kapil Dev. The batsman stayed pointedly at the crease before slowly trudging back to the pavilion after being given out leg before.

Otherwise the easy-paced pitch proved heartbreaking for the bowlers after Walsh dismissed Azharuddin with the second ball of the day. In four days it has yielded 1,051 runs for only 12 wickets and both managers — G S Ramchand, of India, and Jackie Hendriks, of West Indies — agreed that it placed Test cricket in jeopardy.

Besides hitting Vengsarkar, Davis briefly threatened to end West Indies' drudgery in the sun as he uprooted Shastri's middle stump for 47 and trapped Kapil Dev before the Indian tailenders again established command.

WEST INDIES: First innings 530 for 5 dec (C G Greenidge 141, A L Logie 101, C L Hooper 100 not out, I V A Richards 68, R B Richardson 51))

INDIA: First innings

K Srikkanth c Dujon b Walsh	23
A Lal lbw b Walsh	93
M B Amarnath b Davis	43
*D B Vengsarkar retired hurt	102
M Azharuddin c Logie b Walsh	60
R J Shastri b Davis	47
Kapil Dev lbw b Davis	4
†K S More c Richardson b Richards	44
A Ayub not out	43
C Sharma not out	5
Extras (b 9, lb 20, nb 28)	57
Total (7 wkts)	521

Maninder Singh to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-58, 2-152, 3-201, 4-305, 5-403, 6-410, 7-505.

BOWLING: Patterson 17-0-89-0; Walsh 24-3-117-3; Davis 27-3-84-3; Butts 50-13-123-0; Richards 24-7-39-1; Hooper 20-5-40-0.

Umpires: P Reporter and R B Gupta.

West Indies step down to save tour

Calcutta (AFP) — Indian threats to halt the West Indies tour have been settled with the touring team agreeing to play an eighth one-day international.

Jackie Hendriks, the West Indies manager, had said the game at Ahmedabad on January 7 was for the Indian players' benevolent fund and should not be an international, but Indian board members demanded the tour be called off if West Indies refused to adhere to the itinerary.

ONE-DAY ITINERARY: Calcutta, January 2. Rajkot, Jan 5. Ahmedabad, Jan 7. Faridabad, Jan 19. Gwalior, Jan 22. Trivandrum, Jan 25.

RUGBY UNION

Selectors spring no surprises as the Welsh go on trial

By Gerald Davies

The Welsh selectors have sprung no surprises in announcing the teams for the international trial match at Cardiff Arms Park on Saturday, January 9, working as they were with a long list of players who, for one reason or another, were unavailable.

Among those unable to play are Robert Norster, at lock, and the centre, John Devereux, who are injured but who are recognisably in pole positions for their respective places, and Stuart Russell, who is on holiday in Kenya. Russell played against France B and the American Eagles recently, but his place is less certain.

Following his orderly display against the Eagles there has been some debate as to whether Bleddyn Bowen might take over at stand-off half at the expense of the more effervescent Jonathan Davies. It is gratifying to note that, whereas others are capable of losing their heads over the matter, the selectors have managed, for the time being, to keep theirs and kept Davies in place. Bowen, rightly, retains the captaincy and his influential role in midfield.

The hamstring injury to Norster emphasizes the paucity of replacement lock forwards in Wales. Maturity there is aplenty, but it is of uncertain quality. Huw Richards, who played in the World Cup and got himself sent off in the semi-final against New Zealand, is partnered by Barry Clegg, who, though he is playing well for Neath, last played for Wales against France in 1979.

Phil May, in the Possibles, gets yet another chance to catch the eye at this level after playing consistently well for his club, Llanelli, over the last decade. He is partnered by Mark Jones, who has plenty of experience at No. 8 for his club, but has only played once at lock for Wales B.

There is no place in either team for Jeremy Pugh, the stocky Neath prop, who played at loose head against France B and the Eagles. Anthony Buchanan returns to the senior team after a six-week suspension earlier in the season and Michael Griffiths, of Bridgend, comes into the junior team. He is joined by his club colleague, Paul Edwards, in a first appearance for both at this level. There is no place anywhere for Steve Blackmore.

PROBABLES: P Thorburn (Neath); I Evans (Llanelli), B Bowen (South Wales Police, capt), M Ring (Pontypool), A Hadley (Cardiff); J Davies (Llanelli), R Jones (Swansea); A Buchanan (Llanelli), K Phillips (Neath), D Young (Swansea), H Richards (Neath), B Clegg (Neath), G Roberts (Cardiff), R Collins (South Wales Police), P Moriarty (Swansea). Replacements: J Catland (Newport), N Davies (Llanelli), D Bishop (Pontypool), J Pugh (Neath), S Davies (South Wales Police), J Thomas (Swansea).

POSSIBLES: J Mason (Pontypridd); G Webbe (Bridgend), M Hall (Bridgend), K Hopkins (Swansea), C Davies (Llanelli); A Clements (Swansea), J Griffiths (Llanelli); M Griffiths (Bridgend), I Watkins (Ebbw Vale), P Edwards (Bridgend), P May (Llanelli), M Jones (Neath), R Phillips (Neath), D Bryant (Bridgend), P Davies (Llanelli, capt). Replacements: P Lewis (Llanelli), A Williams (Bridgend), M Douglas (London Welsh), D Fox (Llanelli), M Davies (Swansea), A N Other.

Referee: C Norling.

Depleted Wasps will struggle on

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

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Yorkshire weaken as the weather worsens

By Michael Stevenson

Yorkshire 18-group 22
Nthumberland 18-group 3

Yorkshire have had a nasty habit this winter of fading badly in the second half and it happened again at Selby yesterday, though their victory against Northumberland by three goals and a try to a penalty was a clear-cut affair.

They led 18-0 at half-time but as the rain intensified Northumberland's rugged pack, inspired by Garland, posed all sorts of problems. Also prominent for the visitors was Fletcher, whose tackling was outstanding.

For Yorkshire, Booth kicked well in the second half murk and Thompson showed tremendous penetration from full back, although tending to mistime his passes.

Yorkshire led when good handling among the forwards produced a try for Adams which Hill converted. The second try was also forward-orientated. Yorkshire seemed to be going for a pushover but Northumberland wheeled, Mitchell picked up and Adams was in again. Although he then went off injured Yorkshire moved further ahead when Thompson made a try for Maynard, Booth converting from wide out.

Northumberland pulled back with a penalty from Old and the only other points came from a fourth Yorkshire try, scored by Mitchell.

SCORERS: Yorkshire: Tries: Adams (2), Maynard, Mitchell. **Conversions:** Hill, Booth (2). **Northumberland: Penalty:** Old.

YORKSHIRE 18 GROUP: R Thompson (Silcoates); **M** Dawson (Pocklington), P Bingham (Ampleforth College), P Maynard (OEGS, Wakefield), G Hill (Leeds GS); J Appleyard (Silcoates), R Booth (Ampleforth); C Plowman (Joseph Rowntree), J Anderson, S Smith (Bradford GS), P Bisson (Leeds GS), R Carrington (Wakefield District College), M Sowerby (OEGS, Wakefield), G Adams (Batley GS, rep: G Callan, Giggleswick), J Mitchell (Bradford GS, capt).

NORTHUMBERLAND 18 GROUP: M Old; A Langford (King Edward's Morpeth), S Johnson (RGS, Newcastle), D Mather (King Edward's, Morpeth, capt), J Hodson; J Fletcher (Haydon Bridge), S Douglas; B Galloo (RGS, Newcastle), S Cooper (Alnwick), T Wilkinson (North Tyneside College, rep: M Henderson, RGS Newcastle), D Garland, M Smith, S Batson (St Cuthbert's), E Bell (Loretto), G Smith (King's, Tynemouth).

Referee: S A Franks (East Yorkshire).

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MOTOR RALLYING

Slithering along en route to the desert

From Andrew Longmore
Versailles

The all-British team of Ted Toleman and Barry Lee will set out from Versailles tomorrow in sixth place after the preliminary special stage of the tenth Paris-Dakar rally yesterday.

The British pair's Metro Raider relished the mud and the slippery conditions of the prologue stage at Cergy-Pontoise, finishing 33 seconds behind the Frenchman, Piere Lartigue, in his Mitsubishi Pajero. Andrew Cowan, also driving a Mitsubishi, was a further three seconds behind Toleman, in eighth place, at the end of the five-kilometre section.

"The car was very good and we had fabulous traction in the mud," Lee said. "Perhaps it would have been better to have run on snow tyres, but we caught up the two cars in front and also had to go round two others stuck in the mud, so sixth overall is very pleasing and puts us in good heart."

The other British pairing, Cowan and his co-driver, Johnstone Syer, who will be starting their sixth Paris-Dakar, also felt they had chosen the wrong tyres for the conditions, which were very different from the sand and rocks they will experience in North Africa.

The organizers had shifted 50,000 cubic meters of soil to build the course for the prologue and a crowd of more than 50,000 duly braved the conditions underfoot and the traffic to watch the 600 cars, motor cycles and trucks slip and slide their way through the mud.

The prologue is not the least curious part of the event. In a sense, it fulfills the commercial purpose of the first day of the RAC Lombard Rally, allowing the masses to see the vehicles in action before they disappear south.

It is not officially part of the rally, but it decides the starting order for the first special stage in Algeria on January 3 so is considered important by the leading drivers. In addition, no competitor who does not complete the prologue course can continue.

PROVISIONAL PROLOGUE RESULTS: 1, P Lartigue (Mitsubishi); 2, J Tabala (Mitsubishi); 3, R Raymondis (Range Rover); 4, J Fischer (Land Rover); 5, B Beguin (Mitsubishi); 6, B Lee (Metro-Raider); 7, J Briavoine (Proto); 8, A Cowan (Mitsubishi); 9, C Arnoux (Buggy); 10, H Auriol (Buggy).

YACHTING

Bridge has lead over Childerley

Roddy Bridge opened his campaign to win the British Finn single-handed berth at the Olympics with a well deserved third at the conclusion of the Palamos pre-Olympic regatta in Spain yesterday (Barry Pickthall writes). It was a success made all the sweeter by the fact that Stuart Childerley, his arch rival, who has won six leading titles this season, including a gold medal at the pre-Olympic regatta in South Korea, finished a place astern.

One disappointment was the poor placing of Cathy Foster and Jackie Patton, the women 470 champions, who would have finished first in their class had the pair not been disqualified from the first two races after sailing with the wrong numbers on their sails. However, fourth places for Debbie Jarvis and Sue Hay among the women, and Nigel Buckley and Peter Newlands in the men's fleet, underline Britain's strength

RESULTS: Overall: 470 women: 1, Briand and Fountaine (Fr); 2, Ponta and Barabano (It); 3, Steenhs and van Kussler (Nem); 4, D Jarvis and S Hay (GB); 5, Lebrun and Berge (Fr). 470 men: 1, Kouwenhaven and Kouwenhaven (Neth); 2, Hunger and Hunger (WG); 3, Kermarec and Champy (Fr); 4, N Buckley and P Newlands (GB); 5, Torten and Torten (Isr). Other British: 9, Stead and Brickwood; 10, M Holmes and D Stuart. Fem: 1, Spitzauer (Austria); 2, Doresta (Sp); 3, R Bridge (GB); 4, S Childerley (GB); 5, Luschan (Austria). Flying Dutchman: 1, Batzil and Lang (WG); 2, Schoner and Pollen (Den); 3, Boisen-Muller and Gronberg (Den); 5, Sela and Avir (Isr).

● Hobart — Sovereign, at 83ft 3in, the world's largest international offshore rule yacht, has taken handicap as well as line honours in the AWA Sydney to Hobart race.

VOLLEYBALL

Upset over top team's withdrawal

East Germany, who defeated the Soviet Union in the European championship final in Belgium in October, have withdrawn from the English Volleyball Association's women's international tournament which begins tonight at the Alexandra Pavilion in London.

Along with Cuba, the East Germans were the top attraction and their absence will detract from the six-nation event, although the organizers have been quick to find a replacement in the American touring team, the Ambassadors.

"The East Germans did not really give us any reason for withdrawing. They mentioned something about it not fitting in with their schedule and it's very disappointing," Roger Ball, the Press Officer for the tournament, said yesterday. However, the more likely reason for the withdrawal is that the financial guarantees fell short of their expectations.

The fact that there will be no repeat of last season's Cuba v East Germany final is a disappointment as both teams are well into their preparations for the Olympics and would have produced a fine spectacle.

Canada open the tournament against The Netherlands this evening, beginning their build-up towards their Olympic qualifying pool in Italy in May where they meet Brazil, the Soviet Union and the host nation.

REARRANGED DRAW: Pool A: England, South Korea, American Ambassadors. **Pool B:** Cuba, Canada, Netherlands. **Today's programme:** Canada v Netherlands (6 p.m.).

HOCKEY

East have title in their grasp

By Joyce Whitehead

The East look set to win the women's territorial championship which ends today in Southampton. They are so far unbeaten and have only West to play. But if West can beat them, the title will be settled on goal difference. It is as close as that.

Midlands play two matches today against North and South and a double victory could bring them near the top. But two matches of this calibre within four-and-a-half hours is a lot to ask — as South and West found out yesterday.

West enjoyed a good 4-0 win against North in the morning, with two goals in each half. Sarah Workman (Wiltshire) scored the first and last and the others came from Kathy Clarke (Devon) and Caroline Brown (Devon). Play went from end to end but West made the most of the chances they created.

In their goalless match against South the West's Julie Williams (Dorset), made some important saves.

South held the rampant East 2-2 in the first match yesterday. Andrea Gallyer and Sandy Lister scored for South and Jane Newton responded for East.

East went head against Midlands when a poor tackle allowed Sue Chandler (Kent) to convert a penalty stroke. Sue Holwell (Leicestershire), thumped in a fine shot at a penalty corner to equalize but Tracey Wilce (Suffolk) scored the winner for East

RESULTS: East 2, South 2; West 4, North 0; East 2, Midlands 1; West 0, South 0.

ATHLETICS

Passey starts favourite

While the most strenuous thing that the majority of the population will be doing around midnight is levering a glass to their lips, 500 hardy souls will be haring around the streets of Mountain Ash, Glamorgan, in the Nos Galan race (Pat Butcher writes).

The event, which was held annually between 1958 and 1973, when the police adjudged it too disruptive, was revived less than successfully last year. Some of the lead runners went off course when the crowds blocked the streets. A dozen men, led by Simon Mugglestone, ran three miles, while Tony Simmons won the full four-mile race.

Both "winners" are back for tonight's race, for which Dave Bedford, the organizer, has planned a "foot-proof" six-kilometre, two-lap course. Mugglestone, who subsequently won the European junior 5,000 metres title, and Simmons will be hard pushed to contain Adrian Passey, however.

Bernard Baldwin, the former organizer, is in charge of the "mystery runner", a famous athlete who begins the race by running down from the nearby Llanwonno Churchyard.

NEW YEAR'S DAY FIXTURES

3.0 unless stated

Barclays League
First division

Liverpool v Chelsea
Luton v Chelsea (11.0)
Manchester Utd v Charlton
Norwich v West Ham
Nottingham F v Newcastle
Portsmouth v Arsenal
QPR v Southampton (12.0)
Sheffield Wed v Everton (12.0)
Tottenham v Watford (11.30)
Wimbledon v Derby (11.30)

Second division

A Villa v Hull
Blackburn v Sheffield Utd
Bournemouth v Birmingham
C Palace v Barnsley (12.0)
Leeds v Bradford
Millwall v Leicester (11.30)
Oldham v Middlesbrough
Plymouth v Reading
Shrewsbury v Huddersfield
Stoke v Ipswich
Swindon v WBA

Third division

Aldershot v Bristol R (3.15)
Blackpool v Bury
Bristol C v Brentford
Chesterfield v Mansfield
Fulham v Brighton (11.30)
Grimsby v Notts Co
Northampton v Walsall
Rotherham v P Vale
Southend v Gillingham (11.30)
Sunderland v Doncaster
Wigan v Preston
York v Chester

Fourth division

Bolton v Scarborough
Cambridge v Peterborough
Carlisle v Burnley
Colchester v Scunthorpe
Darlington v Hartlepool
Leyton Orient v Torquay (12.0)
Newport v Exeter (12.0)
Rochdale v Halifax
Swansea v Cardiff (11.30)
Tranmere v Stockport
Wolverhampton v Hereford
Wrexham v Crewe

Fine Fare Scottish League
Premier division

Dundee v Dunfermline
Motherwell v Falkirk (2.0)

First division

Clyde v Partick (2.0)
Forfar v Meadowbank

SMIRNOFF IRISH LEAGUE: Ballymena v Carrick (12.0); Bangor v Coleraine; Cliftonville v Linfield; Distillery v Portadown; Glenavon v Newry; Glentoran v Crusaders.

BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Premier division: Ashford v Crawley; Aylesbury v Chelmsford; Burton v Willenhall; Cambridge City v Dartford (11.30); Dorchester v Gosport; Fareham v Witney; Runeaton v Corby; Shepshed v Bedworth; VS Rugby v Leicester United (11.0); Worcester v Bromsgrove. **Midland division:** Atherstone v Hednesford; Bilston v Dudley; Coventry Sporting v Trowbridge; Forest Green v Bridgnorth; King's Lynn v Wellingborough; Merthyr Tydfil v Gloucester; Moor Green v Sutton Coldfield; Paget Rangers v Grantham; Ruanden v Buckingham. **Southern division:** Andover v Poole; Bury v Dunstable; Chatham v Sheppey; Corinthian v Erith and Belvedere; Dover v Canterbury; Hastings v Folkestone; Hounslow v Burnham; Salisbury v Waterlooville; Thanet v Gravesend and Northfleet.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester v Moseley.

CLUB MATCHES: Bristol v Clifton; Fylde v Blackburn (2.30); Manchester v Liverpool St Helens (2.15); Nottingham v London Irish.

RUGBY LEAGUE

STONES BITTER CHAMPIONSHIP: Halifax v Swinton; Leeds v Hunslet; Leigh v Salford (3.30); Warrington v Wigan. **Second division:** Runcorn v Keighley; Wakefield v Featherstone (3.30); Whitehaven v Carlisle (3.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Carlsberg tournament of champions (at Leicester).

DARTS: MFI British open (at Rainbow Suite, Kensington).

SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic (at Blackpool).

TENNIS: British junior championships (at Queen's Club, West Kensington).

VOLLEYBALL: Women's international tournament (at Alexandra Pavilion).

SPORT ON TV

CRICKET: Silk Cut Challenge: Competition to find the world's best all-round cricketer from Hong Kong. C4: 12.30 p.m. **FINAL SCORE: BBC1:** 4.50 p.m. **RACING:** 12.45, 1.20, 1.55 and 2.30 races from Cheltenham. **BBC2:** 12.30 p.m. **SKI SUNDAY SPECIAL: Ski jumping** from Garmisch-Partenkirchen. **BBC2:** 5.25 p.m. **SNOOKER: Mercantile Credit classic** live from Blackpool. **ITV:** 2.0-4.0 p.m. Highlights: 11.15 p.m.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

CARLSBERG LEAGUE: Manchester United 78 (Dolan 21, Jones 13), Calderdale Explorers 74 (Johnson 23, Harris 18).

EDINBURGH: Wester Hailes invitation tournament: Final: Nero's Gear 45 (McDaid 15), Portobello 43. **Third place play-off:** Paisley 57, Wester Hailes 28. **Fifth place play-off:** Ainslie 33, Boroughmuir 29.

UNITED STATES: National Association (NBA): Tuesday: Milwaukee Bucks 108, New Jersey Nets 88; Houston Rockets 101, Detroit Pistons 81; New York Knicks 123, Portland Trailblazers 117; Atlanta Hawks 108, Chicago Bulls 88; Dallas Mavericks 128, Sacramento Kings 117; Utah Jazz 98, Denver Nuggets 97; Los Angeles Lakers 131, Philadelphia 76ers 114.

BOBSLEIGHING

KONIGSSEE (West Germany): World Cup: Four-man event: 1, Austria I (Koenest, Steyl, Mark, Tegl), 1mn 37.86sec (48.99; 48.87); 2, East Germany I (Richter, Farl, Jahn, Szelzig), 1:38.17 (49.22; 48.95); 3, Austria II (Appel, Mulgg, Redl, Winkler), 1:38.46 (48.41; 49.04). Equal 4, West Germany II (Sperr, Schemberger, Cruczolyer, Mueller), 1:38.57 (48.42; 49.15); Soviet Union I (Kipurs, Osis, Kosiow, Tone), 1:38.57 (49.51; 49.06); 6, West Germany I (Fischer, Nusser, Eberreich, Lingner), 1:38.60 (49.38; 49.22). **Four-man World Cup standings:** Equal 1, I Appel, 75pts; P Klenast, 75; 3, A Fischer, 51. **Overall World Cup standings (two-man and four-man):** 1, Kipurs, 152; 2, Appel, 130; 3, Klenast, 120.

FOOTBALL

Tuesday's results

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Second division: Montrose 1, Arbroath 1.

CENTRAL LEAGUE: Coventry City 1, Bradford 1.

VAUXHALL-OPEL LEAGUE: Second division, north: Finchley 3, Wimbledon 0.

REAL TENNIS

UNDER-24 OPEN SINGLES: First round: R Nicholson bt R W Moyle, 6-4, 6-3; M Eagle bt T Granville, 4-6, 6-3, 6-5; P J Patterson w/o D Carmichael; G Grose bt L O Bridgeman, 6-3, 6-2; S Brocklehurst bt M Balgnaur 6-1, 6-3; J W Symonds w/o C C D Robson.

SQUASH RACKETS

EDINBURGH: Bank of Scotland Scottish Junior Open. Finals: Boys: Under 18: G Stewart (Ire) bt D Richie (Stirling Uni), 9-5, 9-0, 9-0. **Under 16:** J Lim (Mal) bt J Broome (Middlesex), 0-9, 9-0, 9-3, 9-3, 9-5. **Under 14:** P Menon (Mal) bt A Munson (Paisley), 9-1, 9-1, 9-3. **Girls: Under 18:** M Fryer (Surrey) bt J Nicol (Grampian), 5-9, 9-4, 9-2, 8-10, 9-3. **Under 16:** H Nicoll (Oban) bt E Donaldson (Lancashire), 9-1, 9-4, 9-2. **Under 14:** E Mayor (Bridge Of Allan) bt C Waddell (Aberdeen), 5-9, 9-7, 9-0, 9-5, 9-6.

TENNIS

QUEEN'S CLUB: British junior covered-court championships: Boys singles: Second round: D Cook (Essex) bt R Matheson (West of Scotland) 6-7, 6-2, 7-5. **Girls' singles: Second round:** D Springall (Norfolk) bt S Haswell (Herts) 6-0, 6-2; C Tee (Surrey) bt B Griffiths (Suffolk) 4-6, 6-1, 6-1; L Nemmo (Warwicks) bt K Fisher (N Wales) 7-6, 6-4; A Sorkin (Salop) bt M Oldham (Surrey) 6-0, 7-5; S Barsley (Lincs) bt R Sharp (Cornwall) 6-1, 6-1. A Hill (Devon) bt S Jenkins (Berks) 1-6, 7-6, 6-1; V Davies (South Wales) bt S Kopyto (Surrey) 7-5, 6-2; M Laughton (Yorks) bt L Smith (Lancs) 6-1, 6-2; C Hiley (Warwicks) bt B Hunter (Herts) 6-4, 4-6, 6-0; P Jones (Herts and IOW) bt G Flick (Essex) 7-5, 6-1; N Giles (Surrey) bt L Cartwright (Lancs) 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.

WELLINGTON: New Zealand national tournament: Second round: A Chesnokov (USSR) bt B Dyke (Aus), 6-7, 6-2, 6-4; B Derlin (NZ) bt M Davis (US), 6-4, 6-2, 6-7; C Fridman (Can) bt D Lewis (NZ), 2-6, 6-2, 6-2; T Watson (US) bt S Shaw (GB), 7-5, 6-3.

ADELAIDE: South Australian Open championships: First round: W Masur (Aus) bt P Carter (Aus), 6-2, 6-1. **Second round:** J Rive (US) bt J Stoltenberg (Aus), 7-5, 2-6, 6-2; M Baur (US) bt P Chamberlin (US), 7-6 (7-4), 6-1; M Woodforde (Aus) bt B Mair (SA), 6-4, 6-3; J Anderson (Aus) bt Di Pozzi (It), 6-4, 2-6, 6-2. **BRISBANE: Ansett Classic women's tournament: Second round:** D Balsarat (Aus) bt A Dewnes (Bel), 6-2, 6-3; C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) bt A Maria Fernandez (US), 6-3, 6-1; J Hetherington (Can) bt E Inoue (Japan), 7-6 (10-8), 6-3; P Fendick (US) bt R Fairbank (SA), 7-6 (7-3), 6-1. **Third round:** P Paradis (Fr) bt M Yanagi (Japan), 6-4, 3-6, 6-1; M Bollegraf (Neth) bt E Smylie (Aus), 6-1, 6-1; S Hanika (WG) bt H Lundoff (US), 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-1); J Novarra (Ca) bt W Turnbull (Aus), 4-6, 6-1, 6-2.

ICE HOCKEY

MOSCOW: Junior world championship: Soviet Union 7, United States 3.

SAINT-GERVAIS (France): Mont Blanc tournament: Norway 3, France 3. (Norway win tournament): Switzerland B 2, Austria 2.

NORTH AMERICA: National League (NHL): Tuesday: New York Rangers 3, New York Islanders 3 (OT); Boston Bruins 4, Pittsburgh Penguins 4 (OT); Buffalo Sabres 5, Quebec Nordiques 1; Montreal Canadiens 4, Vancouver Canucks 1.

DAVOS: Spengler Cup tournament: Kristya Moscow (USSR) 5, Team Canada 2. **Standings** (after three games): 1, Kristya, 6pts; 2, Team Canada, 4; 3, Feerjestass, 2

SKI JUMPING

OBERSTDORF (West Germany): World Cup: 90 metres: 1, P Ploc (Cz), 230.2 (118+117m); 2, M Nykanen (Fin), 225.6 (115+114); 3, S Tastberg (Swe), 207.6

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Cotton awarded posthumous knighthood



Cotton: was informed in advance

By John Goodbody

Henry Cotton, who won the Open Championship three times, is posthumously awarded a knighthood in the New Year's honours list, but leading figures in golf last night regretted that it had not been granted earlier.

Cotton, who died in a London hospital on December 22, aged 80, after perhaps the finest and most influential career of all British players, had been told of the impending honour before his short, fatal illness. He is the first British golfer to be knighted.

Max Faulkner, the 1951 Open champion and a member with Cotton of two Ryder Cup teams, said: "It should have been done years ago. I always said so. It is quite right and marvellous that it has been done now.

"Henry was a great friend of mine and a wonderful man. He is the only one who should ever have had it or ever will. God knows why it took so long. I cannot fathom it out. We professionals used to be treated like glorified caddies and Henry altered all that caper."

Cotton, who was buried on Boxing Day alongside his late wife, Toots, in the Algarve, Portugal, died contentedly because he knew of the impending honour and had discussed it with his step-daughter, Miss Isabel "Chicki" Moss, during his period in hospital. It is customary for the government to approach people about to be honoured to ensure they will accept.

The Queen approved the award before Cotton's death but the actual protocol concerning any ceremony and whether he will be now be known as "the late Sir Henry Cotton" remains unclear. There is no recent precedent for the situation, particularly as Cotton died without leaving a widow.

Miss Moss said yesterday: "He was a great loyalist and a great patriot who always was conscious that he was playing not just for himself but for Britain. He was extremely touched and greatly comforted and honoured in his last days. Above all, he was gratified for this recognition of the game of golf."

Ken Schofield, the executive director of the PGA European tour, said: "The thriving situation of golf throughout Europe owes much to the inspiration and encouragement of Henry Cotton and all will gain tremendous satisfaction and pleasure from the fact that his life's work has been given the ultimate recognition it so richly deserved."

Peter Alliss, the captain of the Professional Golfers' Association and a television commentator, said: "I am delighted and the profession will be delighted. It is the first knight we have had. It is a pity it did not come 15 or so years ago so he could have enjoyed it but I am glad at least he knew about it before he died."

Cotton, a former public schoolboy at Alleyn's, Dulwich, was largely instrumental for bringing about public recognition of the role of a golf professional. He remained an enthusiast for the sport, teaching and designing golf courses.

Belated justice has also been done to Andy Holmes, who has received an MBE. Last year, Steve Redgrave, his rowing partner in Olympic, world and Commonwealth victories, received an MBE but Holmes did not, an extraordinary omission.

However, the victory of Redgrave and Holmes in the coxless pairs at this year's world championships has given the Prime Minister's office the opportunity to rectify the mistake. The pair have been inseparable and have been members of the same crews which have given British rowing such impact in recent years.

"Buzzer" Haddingham, the chairman of the All England Club and the man who has been chiefly responsible for the success of the Wimbledon championships, is made a CBE and Les Golding, the former chairman of the Amateur Athletic Association and manager of the British and English teams, is given an OBE.

Among those outstanding sportsmen who have received the MBE are Dennis Amiss, the former England and Warwickshire opening batsman, who hit 102 first-class centuries and made 50 Test appearances. His behaviour in a time of declining standards has been exemplary.

Two other long-serving sportsmen to be honoured with the MBE are Colin Deass, the most capped hooker in Rugby Union's history with 52 appearances for Scotland, and Billy Bonds, the oldest player in the Football League at 41. Bonds has made 779 first-team appearances for West Ham.

Nick Faldo, the winner of the 1987 Open Championship and a member of Europe's successful Ryder Cup team, and Judy Oakes, Britain's leading shot-putter for the last decade, also receive an MBE.

END COLUMN

Familiar foes on level terms

By Alan Lee

Now they are level. Richard Hadlee, meticulously calculating New Zealander, and Ian Botham, outrageously cavalier Englishmen, share pole position on the grid of Test match bowlers as 1987 ends.

The score is 373 wickets apiece with all still to play for, the indefatigable Hadlee having just collected another one in his routine bags of 10 in a match, in Melbourne.

Romantics among cricket lovers will fondly have imagined Botham, from his winter lair in Brisbane, prompt[ly] phoning interstate to say "Well done and cheers" to his old pal. The truth, assured, was nothing like as chummy.

Between Botham and Hadlee, there is respect and little friendship, intense rivalry without the social rel[ief]. They are strikingly different animals, which makes the state of the bowling scoreboard this morning so [very] intriguing.

Neither man is short of pride; neither will be keen to give best in what will inevitably become something personal between them.

To be debated among clichéd groups of "world's greatest all-rounders" is one thing but to have the statistics to indicate you are the most successful bowler in cricket history is far more tangible.

Hadlee's head for figures is acknowledged. In 1984, when he became the first player to 17 seasons to achieve the "double" in county cricket, carried a notebook and with him and faithfully tered every one of his per[formances]. That was something Botham would never have done — but to suggest he is scornful of statistics would be misleading.

Six years ago, shortly before the 1982 season began, I asked him if he had any targets for the rest of his career. His answer, so far as bowling was concerned, was that he wanted to take 500 wickets — "a Test record which will never be beaten" — but that he felt it was the more reasonable a[im].

It seemed an extravagant ambition at the time. Not so now. I believe his dedication, that particular record stirs burns and that the sudden proximity of a foe with whom he has never felt comfortable will make him still more determined.

Peter Roebuck, who knows Botham better than most, once wrote revealingly of his relationship with Hadlee: "[He] tends to regard Hadlee as a kind of a prima donna, perhaps too as rather a drip. Hadlee, one suspects, finds Botham's vulgarity hard to tolerate."

Although they have stopped short of open animosity whenever they meet, they [seem] to upstage each other. Unlike most of Botham's adversaries, the scrap does not end with a friendly beer in the bar.

On the day that he overtook Dennis Lillee's record, Botham was at pains to insist that figures could distort and that Lillee was still the greatest.

Lillee was much more Botham's gregarious type. I doubt whether he will venture the same self demeaning tribute to the solemn, hard-eyed Hadlee who is now on the verge of the testimony his career has always yearned.

What happens next? Hadlee, four years the senior, has first run, ironically against the Bothamless England, starting in February. Botham himself must wait for the summer and West Indies, against whom he has never yet done himself justice. The outcome of the duel will rest on which of them can hang on longer in the punishing world of Test cricket.

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Everton angry as Rangers intrude on Walters deal

By Ian Ross

Everton and Rangers, respective champions of England and Scotland, were last night engaged in a tug-of-war for the services of Mark Walters, the Aston Villa winger. Walters, aged 23, is expected to decide this morning whether his future lies at Goodison Park or Ibrox.

Walters is believed to have come within minutes of completing a £500,000 move to Everton yesterday afternoon, before an eleventh-hour intervention by Graeme Souness, the Rangers manager, which prompted him to fly to Glasgow for further talks. The timing of Souness's move has angered Everton, who fear that they could now lose their man to a club which is seemingly able to boast unlimited resources.

The saga began early yesterday morning when Colin Harvey, the Everton manager, contacted Graham Taylor, his Aston Villa counterpart, to express his interest in Walters, who has been on a weekly contract all season, and who has made clear his intention of leaving the Midlands club.

After the two managers had agreed a basic deal, Walters drove North to meet Harvey when, it is believed, personal terms were all but finalized. In the meantime, Souness had reserved a seat for Walters on a flight to Glasgow and, despite inferring that he would be happy to join the English champions, Walters insisted on meeting Rangers officials.

He left telling Harvey that he would telephone him within hours to announce his final decision. A bewildered Harvey was reluctant to discuss the details of an affair which has clearly upset him.

"I have spoken to Mark and remain hopeful that he will be joining Everton. He had promised to speak to Graeme Souness and has travelled up to Glasgow for that purpose," he said.

"He is a player I have admired for a very long time. I have been thinking about making a move for him for some time now. He can fill a variety of different roles, has great pace and a good goalscoring record," he added.

Rangers's decision to make such strenuous attempts to sign Walters on the same day as Everton is curious, bearing in mind that the player has been available for transfer since he refused to sign a new contract at Aston Villa towards the end of last season.

Ironically, Souness's latest attempt to lure a top English footballer came on the same day he admitted "targeting" Chris Waddle, Tottenham Hotspur's £1 million-rated England international. Rangers had Waddle watched on Monday when Tottenham played West Ham United at White Hart Lane and are now thought to be on the verge of making an official bid.

TOP 20 TRANSFERS IN 1987

	From	To	Fee (£)
Peter Beardsley	Newcastle	Liverpool	●1,900,000
Richard Gough	Tottenham	Rangers	*1,500,000
John Barnes	Watford	Liverpool	900,000
Brian McClair	Celtic	Manchester Utd	850,000
Ian Snodin	Leeds Utd	Everton	840,000
Steve Bruce	Norwich City	Manchester Utd	825,000
Glenn Hoddle	Tottenham	Monaco	800,000
Ray Houghton	Oxford Utd	Liverpool	800,000
Frank McAvennie	West Ham	Celtic	800,000
Mark Wright	Southampton	Derby County	760,000
John Aldridge	Oxford Utd	Liverpool	750,000
David Speedie	Chelsea	Coventry City	750,000
Alan Smith	Leicester	Arsenal	750,000
Stewart Robson	Arsenal	West Ham	700,000
Joe Miller	Aberdeen	Celtic	†650,000
Robert Fleck	Rangers	Norwich City	580,000
Mirandinha	Palmeiras	Newcastle	575,000
Terry Fenwick	QPR	Tottenham	550,000
Mick McCarthy	Manchester City	Celtic	500,000
Tony Dorigo	Aston Villa	Chelsea	475,000

● denotes record deal between English clubs; * denotes record fee paid for a defender;

† denotes record fee between Scottish clubs



Together again: Venables (left) and Fenwick celebrate their reunion at Tottenham yesterday (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Venables hits his gold target

By Dennis Signy

Terry Fenwick, who completed the formalities of his £550,000 signing to Tottenham Hotspur yesterday in time to be registered for the home game against Watford tomorrow, is "worth his weight in gold", according to Terry Venables, his new manager.

Venables, who managed the England defender at Crystal Palace and Queen's Park Rangers, said: "When Richard Gough left we lost a player of authority. Fenwick is in the Gough mould and you need two or three of those in your team; they are worth their weight in gold."

Venables was uncertain because of his injury problems whether Fenwick would make his debut against Watford or at Chelsea on Saturday. Although Fenwick prefers playing in the back four, it is likely that Venables will use him initially in a midfield role.

Meanwhile, Jim Smith, the Rangers manager, who hopes to strengthen his squad with some of the proceeds of Fenwick's transfer, appointed Alan McDonald, the Northern Ireland international central defender, as Fenwick's successor as captain.

League reveals plan to restrict Maxwell

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The Football League have revealed details of how it intends to prevent Robert Maxwell or anyone who so wishes from having interests in more than one club. The fate of Maxwell will be decided by his fellow chairmen, who have been asked to reinforce regulation 80 at their extraordinary general meeting on January 19.

The new proposal forbids any person or his relatives, employees or associates from being heavily involved in more than one club. A month ago Maxwell was on the verge of influencing the destiny of four League clubs. The chairman of Derby County, who failed to buy Watford, has a son, Kevin, who is the chairman of Oxford United.

Maxwell is also the major shareholder at Reading, although he has already agreed to dispose of his 30 per cent interest there. If at least 62 chairmen vote for the proposal, he would have no choice but to sell either Oxford or Derby as well if the rule is made retrospective.

The loophole which he exposed would be closed rather than merely tightened. The official list of associates includes "Spouse, parent, step-parent, child, step-child, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece or anyone else of a close relationship who, in the opinion of the management committee, is likely to be acting with that person."

Maxwell, who describes the proposal as "impossible, unfair and unworkable", has threatened to withdraw from football if it receives the necessary support, a two-thirds majority. He broke a similar promise "to walk away from the Watford deal" if the League's management committee objected to him acquiring Vicarage Road.

The chairmen will almost certainly spare him the indignity of pulling out of the game about which he professes to care so deeply. They are more likely to allow him, and more significantly some of their own shareholders, room in which to manoeuvre by choosing one of three less stringent options.

They could agree to revise regulation 80 to permit a shareholder at one club to hold either five, 10 or 15 per cent of the shares at another. David Dent, the assistant secretary of the League, conceded that "a number of people have small shareholdings in more than one club."

Another League spokesman confirmed that the practice of dual shareholding is comparatively common. "There are scores of people with interests at more than one club. I suspect that there are also a few who may not be the major shareholder at two clubs but whose interests in two are sizeable."

The most notable example is Sir John Moores who owns a substantial proportion of Liverpool and particularly Everton. He would also presumably have to part with one of them — unless he receives written permission from the management committee, which happens to be led by Everton's chairman, Philip Carter. Dent denied that regulation 80 is to be strengthened specifically to thwart Maxwell.

Maxwell responded by stating that "these proposals are similar to those that have already been rejected by the chairmen of the first and second division clubs. They are impossible, unfair and unworkable and they are against the best interests of English football."

Imran is urged to reconsider

Lahore (Reuter) — Pal[istan] cricket officials have made another plea to the former captain, Imran Khan, to come out of retirement and lead Pakistan on the forthcoming tour of West Indies.

Ijaz Butt, the secretary of the Pakistan Cricket Board, said a formal request had been made to Imran to change his decision after his success[or] Javed Miandad, stated that he wanted to give up the captaincy.

Butt said: "If Imran reconsiders his decision and leads the Pakistan side to the West Indies, it will be a great service to the game of cricket in Pakistan and to the young cricketers of the country."

Norwich stay with Stringer

David Stringer, acting manager of Norwich City since the dismissal of Ken Brown seven weeks ago, was yesterday appointed to the job on a permanent basis. Under Stringer Norwich have won three of their last four games and have moved out of the bottom three in the first division.

The club chairman, Robert Chase said: "Dave has done a very good job in the most difficult circumstances and I am sure we have the best man for the post." Stringer, aged 43, has been connected with the club since 1960.

He said: "The spirit of the players has been excellent, as we have seen in the Christmas games, and if we can keep that up, I am sure we can move well clear of the danger zone." Stringer revealed that he had been offered the job before Christmas but had asked for time to think it over.

● Ron Atkinson, the West Bromwich Albion manager, has ended his search for a new central defender by signing Stacey North from Luton Town for £100,000.

● Crystal Palace's highly-rated forward, Ian Wright, who has been a target for first division clubs, is to remain at Selhurst Park. "I'm staying where I am because Palace are good enough to go up," Wright said yesterday.

● The Luton forward, Mick Harford, has agreed terms with the club for a new four-year contract and is expected to sign it by the weekend. He has been given a promise that if any club comes in with an offer to match Luton's £1 million valuation of the England B international, Harford will be given the chance to consider a move.

● Among David Pleat's first moves as Leicester City's new manager has been to allow the Norwegian international, Kjetil Osvold, to return to Nottingham Forest at the end of a month's loan period.

● The former England full back, Mike Pejic, has been appointed first team coach at Port Vale, the third division side who have gone 10 League games without a win.

Wigan call for action over Potter's injury

By Keith Macklin

Wigan have asked the Rugby League to consider taking disciplinary action against a St Helens player, Peter Souto, following an incident in the derby match at Central Park on Sunday, which was won by St Helens 32-22.

Ian Potter, the Wigan international second row forward, left the field after four minutes with a badly cut eye which later required eight stitches.

Graham Lowe, the Wigan coach, said yesterday: "We have a videotape of the incident, and there is no doubt in my mind that Ian Potter was deliberately stomped on."

At today's disciplinary committee hearing in Leeds, Joe Lydon, Wigan's Great Britain winger, will appear following a John Player Special Trophy tie against Sheffield Eagles at Central Park in which Lydon is alleged to have head-butted an opponent.

Although a penalty was awarded to Sheffield at the time, no further action was taken, but the incident was clearly seen on film of the match shown on a BBC programme several days later.

David Stephenson, another of Wigan's international squad, has resumed training at Central Park

Injury rules out Hobbs

Brisbane — Anne Hobbs, aged 28, now ranked Britain's No. 1 woman tennis player, will miss the Australian Open in Melbourne with a recurring shoulder injury (Barry Wood writes). The tournament begins in 10 days' time, and this latest set-back will come as a blow to Miss Hobbs's ambitions.

Injury has stalked her throughout her career. After rising to 41 on the world rankings to claim her position as Britain's top player for the first time, she is now likely to miss several months of competition.

"The problem is at the front of my right shoulder, but there is also a wasted muscle at the back of the shoulder too," Miss Hobbs explained. "I've been suffering from it since April."

SPORT IN BRIEF

Chase on for Cruyff

Paris (Reuter) — Paris Saint-Germain hope to lure Johan Cruyff from Ajax Amsterdam as their coach, Francis Borelli, the president, said yesterday.

The French champions sacked Eric Mombaerts two seasons ago this month and believe Cruyff, the former Netherlands captain who managed Ajax to the European Cup Winners' Cup in May, is now unsettled at the club.

Jeffrey out

John Jeffrey, the Kelso and Scotland flanker has withdrawn from the national trial at Murrayfield on Saturday because of a head injury. Derek Turnbull moves from the Reds to the senior side and Sean McGaughey, his Hawick colleague, from the replacements to the Reds.

Crowd cut-off

Calderdale Council, Halifax Town's landlords, yesterday set a crowd limit of 4,021 for the FA Cup third round tie against Nottingham Forest on January 9 — 5,000 below what the club had hoped.



Jeffrey: head injury

Early kick-off

Yeovil Town have taken police advice and brought forward the kick-off time of their FA Cup third round tie with Queen's Park Rangers on January 9 to 2 p.m. The Vauxhall Opel League club expect a capacity 10,000 gate.

Hot streak

Adelaide (Reuter) — Joey Rive, of the United States, conquered Jason Stoltenberg, the world No. 1 junior, 7-5, 2-6, 6-2 and stifling heat to reach the quarter-finals of the South Australian Open tennis championship here yesterday.

Heavy burden

São Paulo (Reuter) — Rolando Vera, will carry the hopes of Ecuador as he seeks to retain the 63rd São Silvestre round-the-houses road race title on today against a quality field that includes Mustafa el Nechchadi, of Morocco, David Bergamini, of Italy, Sam Ngatia, of Kenya and Ron Tabb, of the United States.

Blood test

Oberstdorf (Reuter) — The International Ski Federation (FIS) said yesterday it was awaiting further evidence that Kerry Lynch, the American, had used blood doping at last winter's world Nordic skiing championship here before it would consider disciplinary action, including stripping Lynch of his silver medal or barring him from the Winter Olympic Games in Calgary.

Quick Kienast

Königssee (Reuter) — Peter Kienast, of Austria, returned yesterday to the track where he won the silver medal in the world championship two years ago to clinch his second World Cup victory of the season in the four-man bobsleigh.

Optimism over Soviet Olympic participation

From Gavin Bell, Seoul

South Korean officials are optimistic that the Soviet Union will participate in the Seoul Olympics next year, following a four-day visit by a Soviet sports delegation. The visitors, led by Vyacheslav Gavrilin, a vice-president of the Soviet National Olympic Committee, gave no commitment during their discussions with the organizers and inspection tour of the facilities. However, the interest they showed has encouraged officials.

A South Korean spokesman said: "There is nothing definite, but judging by the questions they asked us, one may assume they are seriously considering taking part." He said the organizers expected Moscow to announce its decision after a two-day meeting

Two East European nations, Hungary and East Germany, have announced they will participate, and acceptance by the Soviet Union would effectively remove the threat of a Communist boycott as a result of the dispute between South and North Korea over co-hosting the Games.

Jansher named No. 1

Jansher Khan, aged 18, the world squash champion, of Pakistan, has finally been declared No. 1 on the All International Squash Players Association (ISPA) world ranking list issued today (Colin McQuillan writes).

It was also announced that the ISPA board is to seek rule changes for the professional game. Chief among proposals for 1989 is universal use of the specially-lowered 17-inch tin that Jansher detested in Canada last October when it was instrumental in his one defeat of the season.

British players do not feature in the top 10. Philip Kenyon has dropped to No. 11 and Gawain Briars is down to No. 16.

WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, Jansher Khan (Pak), 643.706pts; 2, Jahangir Khan (Pak), 591.982; 3, C Dittmar (Aus), 507.273; 4, R Norman (NZ), 466.827; 5, R Martin (Aus), 343.226; 6, C Robertson (Aus) 316.858; 7, R Thorne (Aus), 187.922; 8, U H Khan (Pak), 187.454; 9, T Nancarrow (Aus), 179.250; 10, R Hill (Aus), 174.233.